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Message from the Hon.Minister of Justice and National Integration



It is with great pleasure that I present a message for the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice and National Integration for the year 2025.

Since the primary objectives are to instill public confidence in the independence and efficiency of the administration of justice and to promote peace and reconciliation among different ethnic groups upholding the rule of law which is of paramount significance, the Ministry of Justice and National Integration is entrusted with a unique role.

In the previous year, the Ministry of Justice and National Integration has undertaken a significant task to implement essential legal reforms aiming at restoring the shattered trust over the rule of law within the process of administering justice, to enhance the capacities of institutions directly involved in the judicial process, to build an independent, efficient and transparent judicial system and to foster peace and reconciliation among the different races.

In order to create transparency regarding the independence of the criminal justice system and to accelerate the criminal justice process, an expert committee has been appointed to look into the formation of an Independent Prosecutor's Office; its preliminary work has already been done while drafting of the new Anti-Terrorism Act is now at its final stage. During the year under review, steps have been taken to pass a number of Acts including "Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal) Act to remove the entitlements of the Presidents hitherto accorded and the "Proceeds of Crime Act" to confiscate the proceeds so as to strengthen the rule of law.

In furtherance of the Government's primary goal of achieving digitalization, measures have been implemented to equip all courts with the necessary facilities to launch the digitalization initiative spearheaded by the Hon. Chief Justice. This initiative aims at modernizing the judicial system by incorporating cutting-edge technology, enhancing judicial infrastructure and improving the capacities of various Departments, particularly the Attorney General's Department, the Legal Draftsman's Department and the Government Analyst's Department. Additionally, efforts are being made to expand and optimize the operations of the Rehabilitation Bureau, which addresses the critical issue of prevalent drug addiction in the country. Furthermore, the mediation process is being strengthened by empowering alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. For these initiatives, a budget exceeding one billion rupees has been earmarked.

Moreover, initiatives have been undertaken to ensure language rights in alignment with the State Language Policy. Concurrently, measures are implemented to combat drug trafficking and illicit activities originating from prisons while prioritizing care and rehabilitation of inmates. Additionally, there is a commitment to elevate the Department of Prisons to meet international standards.

Recognizing that it is the need of the hour to implement national unity and reconciliation in a way that is acceptable to all communities, essential measures have been initiated to develop a National Action Plan on Reconciliation for the years 2025-2029. Additionally, arrangements have been made to grant provisions for the Office of Missing Persons to ensure justice for those seeking answers regarding their missing relatives, while also streamlining the operations of the Office of Reparation.

Finally, I highly appreciate the Secretary to the Ministry and the entire staff for their joint support extended to successfully fulfill the role assigned to the Ministry of Justice and National Integration while safeguarding the trust placed by the general public in the present Government irrespective of race or religion, ultimately making the policy statement "Rich Country, Beautiful Life" a reality.

**Harshana Nanayakkara, Attorney-at-Law,
Minister of Justice and National Integration.**

Message from the Secretary to the Ministry



In order for realization of a firmly established rule of law, an independent, efficient and transparent delivery of administration of justice mechanism is of paramount importance. Additionally, fostering public trust in this system is vital. To accomplish this, a specific role has been assigned to the Ministry of Justice and National Integration. Over the last year, the Ministry and 23 institutions coming within its purview significantly contributed to succeed this endeavour.

One of the key responsibilities entrusted with this Ministry involves law reform aimed at safeguarding and advancing the rights of citizens. Consequently, 11 laws and pieces of legislation of critical importance have been passed and enacted thus far this year. Among these significant laws are the Act that provides for the confiscation of assets generated and acquired through criminal activities, the Audit Amendment Act and the Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal) Act. Importantly, the

amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code facilitate the modernization and digitalization of the judicial system while also introducing provisions that allow suspects and accused to engage in court proceedings, offering an audio-visual platform designed to present the testimony of expert witnesses, which is particularly noteworthy. The Legal Draftsman's Department plays a crucial role in the drafting process; during the current year under review, despite a severe shortage of staff, 18 Acts have been passed in Parliament and an additional 100 pieces of legislation have already been drafted in all three official languages.

This Ministry has been entrusted with the duty of enhancing the efficiency of the judicial system and equipping it with essential transportation, communication tools and infrastructure. It is noted that considerable advancements have been achieved in providing infrastructure facilities to the judicial system thus far during the year under review. The previously delayed renovation of the Judicial Service Commission building has also undergone renovation and has been officially handed over. The construction of the Magistrate's Court building under the *Adhikarana Piyasa* project is progressing rapidly. Additionally, the construction of the Ministry building planned for that location has been commenced, and the High Court and District Court building is also set to begin shortly. Moreover, in the light of the economic crisis affecting the country, measures have been implemented to accelerate the projects that were previously delayed or halted including the completion of the court buildings in Nikaweratiya, Puttalam, Samanthurai and Valachchenai, with some of these court buildings have already been commissioned to the general public.

It is highly praiseworthy that the Judicial Service Commission under the leadership of the Hon. Chief Justice has undertaken numerous measures to expedite the completion of court proceedings. Furthermore, this year has seen the successful recruitment of 50 Judicial Officers and Labor Tribunal Presidents facilitating the promotion of District Judges to High Courts and the establishment of additional courts to enhance the efficiency of the judicial system.

The "Court Automation Program" aimed at digitizing the judicial system has been recognized as a remedial measure to the existing backlog in the judicial process. As an initial point, the Honorable Chief Justice has commenced the digitization efforts in the Supreme Court and following its introduction to the Court of Appeal, preliminary actions have already started to extend this initiative throughout the country. Our Ministry is offering comprehensive support for the execution of this court digitization program, which is spearheaded by the Chief Justice. At present, the Ministry is establishing the

necessary legal frameworks to enable the use of audio-visual media as evidence in criminal cases, and very soon in civil cases as well, while also taking essential measures to procure 100 audio-visual video sets to the courts within this year.

Furthermore, measures have been implemented to establish management systems for several services offered by the Ministry, which has enabled the Ministry to facilitate the delivery of an efficient public service. Given that the super luxury motor vehicles are not used by the present Government, the Ministry successfully auctioned these vehicles, resulting in remitting of over Rs.190 million to the public revenue.

In order to alleviate the burden on the judicial system resulting from the growing backlog of cases, a strong emphasis is being placed on alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. To date this year, 116,122 disputes have been submitted to the Community Mediation Boards, with a settlement rate consistently hovering around 69%. Moreover, initiatives are in progress to expand the functions of the Land and Financial Special Mediation Boards. In addition, 880 disputes have been recorded with the Debt Conciliation Boards this year.

This Ministry consistently strives to guarantee equal access to justice for all citizens. To achieve this, a significant service is being offered through Legal Aid Centers established across the country. Up to this point in the year, 156,825 individuals have received legal aid services. Additionally, the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses has received 453 complaints this year, and appropriate measures have been implemented in response to these issues.

A significant challenge encountered by this Ministry is the issue of overcrowding in prisons. Following the enforcement of the law in the nation and the heightened focus on drug control, the number of inmates surpassing the prisons' capacity necessitates the provision of security, protection, and welfare services. Efforts are underway to alleviate the overcrowding in several prisons identified as short-term solutions and this initiative is being expanded to other prisons, and plans are also being made to construct special security prisons. Furthermore, essential measures have been implemented to enhance the number of community correction orders, and a management system has been introduced to ensure the timely acquisition of analytical reports for all individuals including inmates.

This year, we were able to carry out a number of programs to promote national integration and to implement the language policy aimed at promoting the dignity and equality of all Sri Lankans as well as their human rights and entitlements as enshrined in the Constitution. Another challenge facing this Ministry is the acute shortage of human resources in the judicial sector. We express our gratitude to the Government for approving the filling of 2,452 vacancies so far this year and the Ministry has already initiated the necessary steps to take effect these recruitments.

In conclusion, I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Hon. Harshana Nanayakkara, Attorney-at-Law, Minister of Justice for his outstanding leadership in achieving this progress even amidst the current challenging circumstances. I also wish to recall Hon. M.M.M. Munir Mulafer our former Deputy Minister, who assisted the Hon. Minister of Justice in promoting national integration. Furthermore, I express my sincere appreciation for the efforts of the Hon. Chief Justice and the Judicial Service Commission for their dedicated commitment for establishing an efficient and effective judicial system. Additionally, I extend my gratitude to my team of public-spirited officers of various ranks who are diligently striving to serve to the best of their abilities with minimal resources and utmost dedication and as well as to all the staff of the Departments and Institutions who are fulfilling their responsibilities to realize the aspirations of establishing their respective Departments and Institutions coming within the purview of the Ministry.

Ayesha Jinasena, P.C.

Secretary,

Ministry of Justice and National Integration

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Vision

A legal system trusted by public – a just Sri Lanka.

Purpose

To enable a stable, just, and free environment for the people of Sri Lanka, by providing a people centred efficient administration of justice,

- ❖ effective and timely law reforms,
- ❖ policy development initiatives,
- ❖ cooperating and engaging with international organizations, and
- ❖ community legal services.

Values

- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Trust
- ❖ Inclusiveness
- ❖ Transparent
- ❖ Accountability

Goals

- ❖ To strengthen the machinery for administration of Justice
- ❖ To promote Law Reforms and enact laws.
- ❖ Promoting the rule of law and ensure the equal access to justice for all.
- ❖ Providing conducive environment to superior courts for performing its activities efficiently.
- ❖ Enhancement of efficiency and quality in the judicial service through training of officers in the judicial service so as to cope with the delay in the process of hearing and disposal of court cases with the prime object of providing the general public with a speedy and better service.
- ❖ Enhancement of efficiency and quality in the judicial service through trainings
- ❖ Strengthening alternative dispute systems.
- ❖ Set out, uphold and enforce the rights and entitlements of victims of crime and witnesses and to provide for a mechanism to promote, protect, enforce and exercise such rights and entitlements.
- ❖ Equal access to justice to create a society where all deserving Sri Lankans have equal access to justice irrespective of their economic or social status, gender, caste creed or nationality or of being disabled.
- ❖ Realization of reconciliation and coexistence through mediation.
- ❖ Reducing Prison overcrowding
- ❖ To increase efficiency and quality assurance of the Departments and Institutions which are coming under the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Legal Reforms

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01. INTRODUCTION

The functions entrusted with the Ministry of justice are being changed from time to time in accordance with the revision of subjects being designated to the Ministry and as such in general the Ministry has been assigned with the following functions.

- Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, strategies, programmes and projects, in relation to the subjects of justice, national integration and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations based on the national policies implemented by the government.
- Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner.
- Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
- Making necessary reforms required to the legal system taking into consideration social requirements and global trends.
- Re-documentation and consolidation of laws.
- Matters relating to the administration of the courts of justice which have not been assigned to any other party by the Constitution.
- Conducting all activities relating to overall administration, including prevention of law's delays in the courts system, in a methodical and efficient manner, and introduce modern technology for such purpose.
- Criminal prosecutions and civil proceedings on behalf of the government
- Providing legal advice to the government and to all government departments
- Drafting of legislation
- Making recommendations to grant pardons, commutations, remissions, respites and suspensions in relation to sentences passed on any offender.
- Formulation and implementation of an appropriate programme to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall Quazi system .
- Administration of labour tribunals and other related matters.
- Empowering the Mediation Boards mechanism to resolve civil disputes without resort to the courts
- Providing the latest knowledge and technical training on law enforcement procedures and mechanisms to relevant persons.
- Conducting activities relating to the provision of assistance to and protection of victims of crime and witnesses.
- Taking steps to amend the Constitution to suit the current needs while ensuring that the sovereignty of the people and national security are safeguarded.
- Conducting activities relating to the drafting of a new Constitution
- Formulation and implementation of policies, plans and programmes in relation to prison reforms

- Prison administration and reforms
- Developing infrastructure and minimize overcrowding of prisons
- Rehabilitation of prisoners
- Activities relating to community based correction projects
- Implementation of programmes and projects for rehabilitation of persons physically and mentally affected by conflicts
- Implementation of programmes for re-integration of persons involved in terrorist activities
- Supervision of all Institutions listed in Ministry of Justice and National Intergration

Following Departments and institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry of Justice is in charge of carrying out the above functions.

1. Attorney General's Department
2. Legal Draftsman's Department
3. Law Commission of Sri Lanka
4. Department of Government Analyst
5. Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court
6. Department of Debt Conciliation Board
7. Department of Prisons
8. Community Based Correction Department
9. Bureau of Rehabilitation
10. Mediation Boards Commission
11. Office of the Secretary Labour Tribunals
12. Quazi Courts and Quazi Board of Appeal
13. Training Institute for Non Judicial Officers
14. Legal Aid Commission of Lanka
15. Superior Courts Complex Board of Management
16. Sri Lanka Judges' Institute
17. National Authority for the Protection of Victims and Witnesses of Crime
18. Office for National Unity and Reconciliation
19. Office on Missing Persons
20. Office for Reparations
21. Council of Legal Education
22. Department of Official Languages
23. Official Languages Commission
24. National Institute of Language Education and Training

*** Beuro of Rehabilitation has been removed from the purview of this Minstry by the extra ordinary gazzede no 2458/65 dated 18.10.2025**

02. FUNCTIONS OF THE DIVISIONS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND NATIONAL INTEGRATION

The functions of the Ministry are carried out by the following divisions,

- I. Legal Division
- II. Establishment Division
- III. Planning Division
- IV. Development Division
- V. Engineering Division
- VI. Reforms Division
- VII. Prison Reforms Division
- VIII. National Integration Division
- IX. Finance Division
- X. Internal Audit Division
- XI. National Language Division
- XII. Internal Affaires Unit
- XIII. Investigation Unit

I. Legal Division

Amending existing laws to accordance with the international standards and taking policy discussion for creating new laws and publication and translation of law reports.

II. Establishment Division

Establishment matters of all officers of the Ministry and the Departments which are coming under the Ministry except Scheduled Public Officers appointed by the Judicial Service Commission.

III. Planning Division

Planning Division carry out the functions related to Planning, Progress, review and monitoring of the projects coming under the purview of the Ministry and related institutions.

IV. Development Division

This Division takes the charge of matters pertaining to departments activities and institutions coming under within the purview of the Ministry of Justice and coordination in this regard.

V. Engineering Division

The Engineering Division takes charge of Construction, Renovation and Maintenance, of Court Complexes, court buildings and Judges' Official Residences.

VI. Reforms Division

This Division has been established to efficiently and effectively overhaul the process and reforms of the Ministry of Justice and as well as the Departments and Institutions coming under its purview by way of application of information technology to achieve the objectives of the Ministry of Justice.

VII. Prison Reform Division

While undergoing a comprehensive reform of the prison administration and addressing the job-related issues of the prison officers, the Prison Affairs Division accounts for formulating, monitoring and following-up of necessary policies to streamline the rehabilitation process with the aim of reintegrating the prisoners into society as good citizens when they are released.

VIII. National Integration Division

The National Integration Division is engaged in introduction and implementation of programmes to establish solidarity and co-existence between communities and provision of necessary facilities to enable people to gain a mutual understanding of their cultural, social and religious background.

IX. Finance Division

Financial Planning, Management and Control of financial aspects of the Ministry, Department and Courts.

X. Internal Audit Division

Auditing of accounts of the Ministry, Departments and court-houses.

xi. National language Division

The National Languages Division is functioning as one of the arm of the Ministry in aiming of effective implementation of Official Language Policy for supporting towards the establishment of reconciliation among the community. The programs identified for effective implementation of Official Languages Policy are delivered in different layers and by different mechanisms.

xii. Internal Affairs Unit

Internal Affairs Units (IAU) across all Government Ministries, Departments and Institutions to cultivate a culture that fosters transparency, accountability and integrity in the public sector while ensuring the effective delivery of government services to all citizens

xiii. Investigation Division

According to Cabinet Decision No. AMP/24/2341/801/013 dated 2025.01.06, an Investigation Unit was established in February 2025 under this Ministry to ensure accountability of state institutions to the public. This unit is primarily responsible for conducting investigations into matters referred to by the Secretary of the Ministry, concerning the Ministry itself and the departments/institutions under its purview.

**03. PERFORMANCE OF EACH DIVISION UNDER THE
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND NATIONAL INTEGRATION**

3.1. LEGAL DIVISION

3.1.1 Legal Reforms

The Legal Division is entrusted with responsibilities relating to law reform and the formulation of new legislation in conformity with international standards and government policies pertaining to the administration of justice. The Division specially undertakes the task of formulating policy decisions and coordinating all necessary measures leading up to the enactment of such legislative drafts in Parliament and the publication of law reports. Furthermore, the Division is involved in addressing legal matters relating to the general public and in obtaining Parliamentary approval for rules, orders, and regulations issued under the relevant statutes.

Another important aspect of the Division's role involves the formulation and execution of activities under the Acts which legally designate the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice as the Central Authority. This includes taking necessary measures in connection with applications for mutual assistance in criminal matters, activities related to the prevention of international child abduction, and procedures concerning the transfer of offenders.

The Division also deals with a wide range of matters arising under international conventions, coordinating such functions through various dimensions.

3.1.1.1 Functions of the Legal Division

1. Taking measures for passing bills in Parliament.
2. Working on printing and distributing Sri Lanka Law Reports
3. Execution of International Conventions
 - 3.1 Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction Act no.10 of 2001
 - 3.2 Matters related to Transfer of Offenders Act no.05 of 1995
 - 3.3 Addressing the applications submitted under Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act no 25 of 2002
 - 3.4 The matters related to the summons issued by courts in Sri Lanka to defendants / witnesses in foreign countries
 - 3.5 The matters related to the summons issued by foreign courts to defendants / witnesses in Sri Lanka
 - 3.6 Making arrangements for taking evidences from witnesses in foreign Countries as per the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act no.10 of 2023 through Sri Lankan embassies/ Consular General Offices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
4. Coordination of committees appointed to define and specify the functions and responsibilities arising under various Acts.
5. Implementation of activities pertaining to the demarcation of judicial zones and establishment of new courts.

- 6 Matters related to the Service Agreements within the institutions.
- 7 Applications made to the Legal Division as per the Right to Information Act.
- 8 Achieving National Development Goals on Goal 16 on sustainable development.
- 9 Activities related to Parliament questions and 27(2) Standing Order, that relates to the Legal Division.
- 10 Preparing observations pertaining to the reports concerning Sri Lanka by United Nations Organization and other Organizations to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 11 Preparation of Observations for the Hon. Minister on other Ministry Cabinet Memorandums.

3.1.2 Progress within the period starts from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Matter		Progress
1	Activities related to passing acts	As stated in 3.1.2.1 below.
2	Printing and distribution of Law Reports in Sri Lanka	Printed in Volume 1 of 2018, Parts 1 to 15.
3	Submitting observations of the Minister of Justice for cabinet Memorandum.	Observations related to 213 cabinet memoranda have been submitted.
4	Addressing requests forwarded by foreign countries under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act no 25 of 2002. (MLA)	Number of requests from foreign countries - 100 Number of requests from foreign countries - 148
5	Addressing requests forwarded by foreign countries under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act no 25 of 2002 and updating the data base. (requests received).(MLA)	Future arrangements have been made for 25 requests received
6	Agreements made under the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act no 25 of 2002. (MLA)	The agreement made between Republic of Maldives and Sri Lanka on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters was signed on 21.07.2025.
9	Taking of evidence through contemporary audio visual links within the purview of National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses	43 requests were already been received an necessary coordination provided.
10	In terms of Section 3 of Judicature Act no.2 of 1978, converting Magistrate's courts into District Magistrate's courts.	07 courts

11	In terms of Section 3 of Judicature Act no.2 of 1978, converting Circuit Magistrate's courts into Permanent Magistrate's courts.	09 courts
12	Public Petitions	Requests submitted regarding 558 matters have been forwarded to respective Institutions.
13	Granting approval to get the service of personal Attorneys at Law for Government Institutions	Under this, measures have been taken regarding the requests submitted by 40 Government Institutions.

3.1.2.1 Legal Reforms

a) Acts passed by Parliament

S/N	Name of the Act	Objective	Date of certification by the speaker
1	Proceeds of Crime Act, No. 5 of 2025	Introduction of provisions for the recovery and confiscation of assets derived from the commission of crimes.	30.04.2025
2	Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act No. 7 of 2025	Introducing new provisions to record the testimonies of suspects/accused and witnesses in open court through audio and visual media.	07.08.2025
3	Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Act, No. 13 of 2025	Introducing a new provision pertaining to electronic presentation of cheques, to impose a criminal liability on unscrupulous or errant drawers of cheques and to facilitate the legitimate using of Bills of Exchange innovatively in day to day business activities in a legally permissible manner.	07.08.2025
4	Presidents' Entitlements (Repeal) Act, No. 18 of 2025	To repeal the law granting special entitlements to former presidents and their families.	10.09.2025
5	National Audit (Amendment) Act No. 19 of 2025	Introducing new provisions to share findings with law enforcement bodies for the purpose of possible criminal investigations into fraud and corruption reveal by audits and to strengthen the surcharge process.	11.09.2025

b) Bills to be presented to Parliament and Bills to be passed.

S/N	Name of the Act	Objective	Present status
1	Mediation Boards (Settlement of Civil and Commercial Disputes) Act	Introducing a statutory framework for voluntary mediation and repealing the Sri Lanka Commercial Mediation Centre Act No. 44 of 2000.	Presented to Parliament on 11.07.2025.
2	Amendment to the Penal Code (Corporal Punishment)	Enacting laws regarding corporal punishment of children	Presented to Parliament on 18.09.2025.
3	Protection of Occupants Bill	Introduce a new law which aims to protect the rights of the tenant and the landlord equally.	To be presented to Parliament.
4	Rent (Repeal) Bill	Introduce a new law which aims to protect the rights of the tenant and the landlord equally.	To be presented to Parliament.
5	Rescue, Rehabilitation and Insolvency (Corporate and Personal) Bill	To enact a code for the timely, efficient and impartial rescue and rehabilitation of individuals and viable enterprises in financial distress and closure of non-viable enterprises:	Sent to the Government Printing Office for gazettelement on 2025.01.01.

c) Legal reforms that have received the policy approval of the Cabinet of Ministers

S/N	Act	Objective
1	Community Based Corrections Act	These amendments introduce amendments for prisoners sentenced to less than 2 years in prison and those imprisoned for non-payment of minor fines for community correction orders with the intention of making them law-abiding citizens.
2	Amendments to the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance and the amendment to the Judicature Act No. 2 of 1978 for offense committed by any person on the high seas by trafficking of dangerous drugs.	The amendments to the Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance are expected to recognize trafficking of dangerous drugs on high seas by any person an offence, and the amendment to the Judicature Act No. 2 of 1978 would give the High Court of Sri Lanka forum jurisdiction to hear and determine criminal prosecutions on such cases.

3	Amendment to the Victims and Witnesses of Crime Assistance and Protection Act, No. 10 of 2023	Provision is made for the appointment of an Advisory Board to make compensation and interim grants to victims in terms of Section 74(1) of Part IX of the Victims and Witnesses of Crime Assistance and Protection Act, No. 10 of 2023.
4	Amendments to the Trust Ordinance	The Trusts Ordinance, enacted in 1917, defined and amended the law relating to trusts.
5	New Arbitration Act	Repeal and replace the existing Arbitration Act, thereby creating a more efficient and effective arbitration process.
6	Amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure Act (Inquest of Death Chapter XXX)	Amendment of Chapter XXX of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act and introduction of new provisions regarding inquests.
7	Amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure (Section 167 - Recording of Testimony of Local and Foreign Witnesses through Audiovisual Media)	New provisions to record the testimony of local and foreign witnesses through audio and visual media in open court
8	Anti-Terrorism Bill	To safeguard the national security of Sri Lanka and protect the Sri Lankan citizen from terrorist acts and other terrorism-related offenses, as well as to prevent the use of Sri Lanka's borders for terrorist activities in other countries.
9	Amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure (Corporal Punishment)	Enacting laws regarding corporal punishment of children
10	Penal Code (Amendment) Bill	Even though the monetary value of the rupee has depreciated, the fines specified in the Penal Code have not increased based on the amount of depreciation. Accordingly, this is an amendment in order to increase the fines according to the current monetary value.
11	Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill	Even though the monetary value of the rupee has depreciated, the fines specified in the Criminal Procedure Code have not increased based on the amount of depreciation. Accordingly, this is an amendment in order to increase the fines according to the current monetary value.

e) Legislations sent to Law Commission

S/N	Title	Objective
1	Primary Court Procedure Bill	Regarding primary court proceedings
2	Burial and Cremation Rights Bill	Regarding the community's burial and cremation rights
3	Prison Administration Bill	Updating the legal framework and introducing internationally accepted norms/traditions necessary to address the challenges faced by the prison system today.
4	Remissions of Sentences Bill	Commuting the sentence imposed on those convicted by the court
5	Sri Lanka Truth, Unity and Reconciliation Commission Bill	The event provides an opportunity to promote truth, unity, reconciliation and accountability within the community, thereby prioritizing the establishment of a united and peaceful Sri Lanka built on the strong foundations of truth, unity and reconciliation for future generations.

f) Rules, Orders and Regulations

Gazette / Approval of Parliament

S/N	Title	Objective	Present Statues
1	Order under section 7(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code (Special Provisions) Act, No. 2 of 2013	An Act to provide for the extension of the period of detention of persons arrested without a warrant in order to facilitate the conduct of investigations for dispensing with the non-summary inquiry in certain cases, to provide for the taking of depositions of witnesses for the prosecutions.	Passed in Parliament on 2025.04.08. Extension granted for two years from 02.02.2025.
2	Orders under Section 156 of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023	According to Section 82(1) of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023, every person to whom that section applies shall declare assets and liabilities in such form as may be prescribed by regulations.	Passed in Parliament on 04.06.2025.
3	Order made under sub-section (2) of section 1 and sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Reciprocal Recognition, Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act, No. 49 of 2024	The Minister of Justice may specify by regulations publish in the gazette such foreign countries which shall apply to recognition, registration and enforcement of foreign judgments.	Passed in Parliament on 18.06.2025.

4	The order under subsection (2) of section 1 of the Proceeds of Crime Act, No. 5 of 2025	The operative date of Act.	Passed in Parliament on 27.05.2025.
5	Amendment to the Justices of the Peace (Appointment, Suspension, Cancellation and Code of Ethics) Regulations, No. 3 of 2023	Regulations to amend the previous regulation for the appointment, suspension, revocation and termination of the office of a Justice of the Peace under sections 45 and 45(6) of the Judiciary Act, No. 2 of 1978	Passed in Parliament on 05.08.2025.
6	Orders under section 61 read with section 45 (1A) of the Judiciary Act, No. 2 of 1978	Recognize the mediators of the Mediation Board Commission as an ex officio Justice of the Peace for the relevant Mediation Board area to which such mediator is appointed, during the period of his/her service as a mediator.	Passed in Parliament on 20.08.2025.

g) Committee Coordination

	Name	Objective
1	Special Bill to introduce law for house arrest as an alternative to imprisonment	A committee to be appointed to submit recommendations.
2.	Amendment of the Marriage Registration Ordinance	Provisions on registration of divorce and nullity of marriage in the Marriage Registration Ordinance, consequential amendments to the proposed recognition of foreign divorces
3	Matrimonial Causes Act (Family Law Act)	The committee appointed to amend and consolidate the law and the procedure, relating to nullity of marriage, dissolution of marriage and judicial separation of parties to a marriage had initiated discussions from year 2024, and the recommendations of the committee had been sent to department of legal draftsman. The latest draft had been sent to the committee for observations.
4	Amendment to the Code of Civil Procedure (Muslim Marriage and Divorce)	Comprehensive consideration of marital matters, including grounds for divorce, separation and nullity, the procedure in matrimonial cases, and considerations to be taken into account when awarding custody of children.
5	Muslim Marriage and Divorce Bill	Taking into account the views of the Muslim community and various human rights activists, certain amendments have been made to this act, such as the age at which marriage is to be performed, the bride's consent to the marriage, the bride's signature on the marriage certificate, etc.

6	Introduction of a new bill for the management and disposal of court productions by the courts	Provide the steps required to dispose productions in the custody of the court in the first instance, other than the productions which are required to be produced as physical evidence at the proposed trial.
7	Amendments to the Mediation Boards Mediation (Special Categories of Disputes) Act, No. 21 of 2003	The Committee is expected to make recommendations on amendments to the existing mediation process to solve the practical issues related to the Jurisdiction of Mediation Boards, time limit within which the Board must act, and provisions relating to non-settlement and filing of actions in Courts. The Committee has had four meetings till now.
8	Consideration of the establishment of the Office of the Public Prosecutor.	A committee has been appointed on 16.09.2025 in order to provide recommendation on a new law for the establishment of the Office of the Public Prosecutor to ensure independent, expeditious and transparent Criminal Justice system.
9	Amendment to the Trust Ordinance	In order to amend the Trust Ordinance a committee has been established comprised of officials from the Financial Intelligent Unit of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Department of Legal Draftsman, Department of Registrar General, Ministry of Justice and National Integration and the finalized draft of amendment had been forwarded to Hon. Attorney General for Certificate of Constitutionality.
10	Committee on Insurance Law	Hon. Minister has decided to reconvene the Committee. The main objective of this committee is to reformulate and revise the laws pertaining to insurance law.
11	Committee on Proceeds of Crime Act No. 5 of 2025	The same drafting committee on Proceeds of Crime law has been reconvene to provide technical assistance in implementing Proceeds of Crime Act No 5 of 2025. The first meeting was held on 25.08.2025.
12	Committee to develop a new law on Prevention of Organized Crime	In order to introduce a new law to combat organized crime a committee has been established comprised of officials from the Attorney General's Department, Sri Lanka Police, Department of Legal Draftsman, Ministry of Justice and National Integration and Ministry of Public Security and parliamentary Affairs. The first meeting of the committee was held on 26.08.2025 and the Draft bill is being prepared by the Legal Draftsman.
13	Committee to provide observations and recommendations regarding the prompt disposal of items (case items) collected in connection with crimes and criminal investigations and presented to the court.	This committee prepares a policy and legal framework, including procedures, for the expeditious disposal of items (case items) collected in connection with crimes and criminal investigations and presented to the courts, and makes other recommendations related thereto.
14	Committee to formulate a new Anti-Terrorism Law	Considering the urgent need to design, draft and enact a new law which addresses potential threats of terrorism and violent extremism both national and international and covers the gaps in the original Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act and introduce a new law which will deal with novel and contemporary dimensions of terrorism and violent extremism, and preparation for such acts, as well as strengthen law enforcement, and advanced investigative and monitoring techniques, a Committee chaired by a Senior President's counsel has been appointed.

3.2 ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION

3.2.1 Introduction

The Ministry was established as the Ministry of Justice, Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils, Local Government and Labour under the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2403/53 dated 27 September 2024. It was subsequently reconstituted as the Ministry of Justice and National Integration by the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2412/08 dated 25 November 2024.

Accordingly, the following departments and institutions function under the purview of this Ministry. The Establishment Division is responsible for coordinating all institutional and administrative activities relating to these organisations.

1. Attorney General's Department
2. Legal Draftsman's Department
3. Judicial Service Commission
4. Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
5. Government Analyst's Department
6. Department of Prisons
7. Department of Community-Based Corrections
8. Department of Official Languages
9. Mediation Boards Commission
10. Law Commission of Sri Lanka
11. Office of the Secretary to the Labour Tribunals
12. Sri Lanka Judges' Institute
13. Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka
14. National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crimes and Witnesses
15. Office of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation
16. Office for Reparations
17. Office on Missing Persons
18. Office for National Unity and Reconciliation
19. Supreme Court Complex Management Board
20. Official Languages Commission
21. National Institute of Language Education and Training (NILET)
22. Office for the National Coexistence and Reconciliation Commission
23. Council of Legal Education

3.2.1.1 Functions of the Division

The Establishment Division is responsible for handling all institutional and administrative affairs of the Ministry, coordinating the activities of the institutions and departments under its purview, managing human resource matters relating to non-judicial positions in courts, and providing necessary administrative and institutional support to the courts.

3.2.2 Performance of the Division from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

- Applications have been called for 151 Summon Server and Writ Executor vacancies, and 29 Court Crier and Usher vacancies in the primary service category existing in courts under the Ministry's scope.
- Applications have been called for appeals for annual transfers for 2025 for Summon Servers, Writ Executors, and Fiscal Matrons serving in institutions.
- The final committee report with recommendations of the 5-member committee regarding the issuance of certified copies and copy fees issued by courts and Labour Tribunals is scheduled to be discussed again at a committee meeting on 15.10.2025.
- 15 Stenographers have been recruited to the Labour Tribunal, and with the approval of the Committee, chaired by the Secretary to the Prime Minister, to review the public service recruitment process, procedures are underway to issue advertisements for the recruitment of 22 Stenographers and 09 Interpreter Officers. Necessary procedures are being carried out to recruit 11 Assistant Secretaries.
- Through Information Portal 1, launched in 2023, institutional information of officers attached to courts is being successfully accessed, and letters to be referred to all courts are being successfully transmitted.
- A computerised system has been developed to streamline the internal mail distribution process within the Ministry, and initial implementation has commenced.
- Responses have been provided for 121 applications received under the Right to Information Act.
- Efficiency bar examinations for the departmental appointments of Senior Assistant Secretary (Legal) and Assistant Secretary (Legal) have been conducted and results released.
- Answers prepared in three languages for questions expecting oral answers related to the Agenda submitted to the Minister of Justice and National Integration have been referred to Parliament.
- Cabinet memorandums have been prepared in three languages and submitted to the Cabinet Office.
- All arrangements related to insurance coverage for judges for the year 2025 have been implemented.
- An Internal Affairs Unit has been established in this Ministry as per letter No. PS/SB/Circular/2/2025 dated 18.02.2025 issued by the Presidential Secretariat, and its functions are being implemented in line with the approved operational plan.

3.2.2.1 Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure as of 30 September 2025

Training programs of the Ministry have been conducted as follows:

Programme	Approved Allocation (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	Balance (Rs.)	Programs Conducted	Officers Trained
Local Training Programmes	2,000,000.00	1,010,504.00	989,496.00	22	175
Foreign Training Programmes	4,000,000.00	1,407,615.19	2,592,384.81	-	11

3.2.2.2 Reviewing the production process of the public service

	Name of the institution	Number of vacancies applied for 2024	Number of vacancies applied for 2025	Total number of positions applied for	Approved cadre
01	Ministry		21	21	4
02	Court		489	489	489
03	Attorney General's Department		32	32	32
04	Judicial Service Commission	73	753	826	826
05	Legal Draftsman's Department		65	65	48
06	Department of Government Analyst	28	55	68	55
07	Department of Prisons	162	1,647	1,809	1,086
08	Community Based Correction Department	13	17	30	30
09	Office of the Secretary Labour Tribunals		33	33	31
10	Mediation Boards Commission		12	12	—
11	Department of Debt Conciliation Board		13	13	—
12	Law Commission of Sri Lanka		5	5	—
13	Sri Lanka Judges' Institute		11	11	10
14	Legal Aid Commission of Lanka		71	71	47
15	National Authority for the Protection of Victims and Witnesses of Crime		18	18	9
16	Bureau of Rehabilitation		102	102	72
17	Office for Reparations		28	28	—

18	Office on Missing Persons		69	69	—
19	18. Office for National Unity and Reconciliation		53	53	—
20	Superior Courts Complex Board of Management		33	33	33
			1	1	—
21	Department of Official Languages		63	63	32
22	Official Languages Commission		23	23	11
			12	12	12
23	National Institute of Language Education and Training		6	6	3
24	Supreme Court		37	37	37

3.2.3 Future Plans

- To conduct efficiency bar examinations for the following departmental positions: National Integration Coordinators, Video Cameramen, Summon Servers, Writ Executors, Court Crier and Usher (Grades I & II).
- Based on the approval of the Committee, chaired by the Secretary to the Prime Minister, to review the public service recruitment process, to recruit: One Assistant Secretary (Legal) and Three Technical Officers.
- To organise capacity-building training programmes for Ministry staff.
- Recruitment for essential vacancies within the Ministry and its affiliated institutions will be carried out based on approvals obtained from the Committee, chaired by the Secretary to the Prime Minister, to review the public service recruitment process.

3.3 PLANNING DIVISION

3.3.1 Functions of Planning Division

The Planning Division identifies, supervises, reviews the projects launched by the Ministry and its institutions. The following tasks are performed by the Planning Division under that mission.

- Identify projects related to the field of justice.
- Projects are referred to the National Procurement Department for approval.
- Submission of Cabinet Memorandum for preliminary approval for new projects.
- Inclusion of the Ministry's development projects in the Public Investment Plan.
- Preparation of capital budget estimates related to ministry and judicial administration expenditure heads.
- Preparation of budget proposals for the budget speech.
- Reviewing progress and reporting progress to concerned Institutions.
- Prepare the annual progress report of the Ministry and present it for the budget debate.
- Presentation of the annual performance report of the Ministry in Parliament.
- Obtaining Cabinet approval and submission in Parliament when necessary for the annual reports of institutions under the Ministry.
- Preparation of cooperate , strategic and operational plans for the judicial field.
- Coordination of District and Regional Development Committees regarding development projects.
- Follow-up of development projects of the Ministry and the institutions under the purview of the Ministry.
- Collection of statistics regarding court cases and preparation of statistical hand books twice a year.
- Develop the organizational results framework and report on progress.
- Referring the strategic plans of state-owned institutions to the Department of Public Enterprises and the Department of National Budget
- Preparing plans and reporting progress related to the implementation of the government's policy statement.
- Coordination activities regarding the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Conducting quarter based Integrated Progress Review Meetings

3.3.2 Progress of the Planning Division

i) The execution of the development strategy aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the judicial sector.

In order to prevent delays in the delivery of justice due to the excessive backlog of cases, a plan to increase the number of judges and courts was prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Civil Law Reform Committee, the Criminal Law Reform Committee, and the Infrastructure Improvement Committee, as well as the Judicial Service Commission and the Jurisdiction Committee, but with the economic crisis that has arisen in the country, it has not been possible to implement the plan in the same manner.

However, during this year, 50 judicial officers and labor judges were recruited and 18 people were promoted to the post of High Court Judges. As a result, an Additional Civil Appeal High Court in Colombo and an Additional Magistrate's Court in Puttalam have now been opened. Similarly, it has been possible to re-appoint judges for the Anuradhapura Third Additional Magistrate's Court, the Ratnapura Third District Court, the Polonnaruwa Third Additional Magistrate's Court, and the Gampaha Third District Court. The Judicial Service Commission will soon appoint judges for the separation of combined courts Teldeniya, Welimada, and Nikaweratiya, which have already been completed.

However, the plan to increase the number of judges and courts is to be reviewed to suit the current situation.

ii) Submission of budget estimate

- Estimates for both large-scale and small-scale development projects pertaining to the capital budget for the year 2026 were prepared in collaboration with the Engineering Department and submitted to the Ministry of Finance by the Accounts division on the scheduled deadline.

iii) Implementation of the provisions of the Public Investment Management Chapter of the Public Finance Management Act

- All necessary information for the public investment program has been submitted.
- New project proposals in the justice sector, 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

a) Micro-scale projects received by the Planning Division for appraisal in accordance with the circular No. MNPEA 02/2019 dated 10.01.2019 and the letter No NP/MFP/2024/04 dated 22.08.2024 of the Ministry of Monetary, Economic and National Policies

Project	Institution	Estimate (Rs. Mn)	Approval
Construction of wall and access road for new administration building at Mahara Prison	Prisons Department	7.48	Approved
Preparation of a hair cutting area for the Senapura Vocational Training Center	Rehabilitation Bureau	2.00	Approved

Construction of a car park for the Senapura Vocational Training Center	Rehabilitation Bureau	4.20	Approved
Renovation of the Polonnaruwa Legal Aid Commission Office	Legal Aid Commission	6.50	Approved
Renovation of Legal Aid Commission Head Office	Legal Aid Commission	9.00	Approved
Construction of a visitor screening area at Kandakadu Navodawa Treatment Centre	Rehabilitation Bureau	4.95	Approved
Construction of a guard house at Kandakadu Navodawa Treatment Center	Rehabilitation Bureau	.51	Approved
Preparation of a Research and Development Plan for National Integration and Reconciliation	Ministry of Justice	10.00	Approved
Awareness program on the role of National Integration Officers	Ministry of Justice	6.20	Approved

b) New project proposals submitted to the Department of National Planning for evaluation in accordance with the Circular No. circular No. MNPEA 02/2019 dated 10.01.2019 and the letter No NP/MFP/2024/04 dated 22.08.2024 of the Ministry of Monetary, Economic and National Policies

Project	Institution	Estimate (Rs. Mn)	Approval
Construction of two-storey building in Kalutara	Prisons Department	209.05	Approved on 2025.03.27
Construction of a security wall and 02 inmate buildings at Watareka Prison	Prison Department	256.35	Approved on 2025.05.23
Senapura Navodawa Tertiary and Vocational Literacy Training Center Development	Bureau of Rehabilitation	45.30	Approved on 2025.05.21
Construction of Mahara, Boossa, Negombo Barracks	Prison Department	175.62	Approved on 2025.05.23
Kaduvela new Court Complex	Ministry of Justice	1,232.68	Approved on 30.05.2025
Prison Inmates' Skills Development Program	Department of Prisons	100.00	Approved on 2025.05.26
Construction of a residential correctional facility for persons sentenced for drug-related offenses	Department of Community Corrections	600.00	Approved on 30.06.2025
Preparation of a career and skills development and human resource development plan for National Integration Officers.	National Integration Division	14.00	Submitted for approval on 04.09.2025

- **Quarter Base Intergrated Progress Review Meeting-Circular on its Functions and Guideline Circular No. 02/2025**

Meetings	Date
01	20.05.2025
02	07.10.2025

iv) Submission of the Annual Action Plan

The action plan for the year 2025 was prepared in accordance with Public Finance Circular 02/2020 and provisions were allocated for the first 04 months of this year through vote an account. Therefore, after preparing the budget estimates for the entire year, the approval of the Chief Accounting Officer was obtained on 28.03.2025.

v) Preparation and submission of progress reports

- Eight reports detailing the progress of local projects valued at over 1,000 million rupees were submitted to the Project Management and Monitoring Department on a monthly basis. (The progress of remaining four months is submitted with quarterly reports.)
- All reports containing information on both domestic and international projects for each quarter have been submitted to the Project Management and Monitoring Department.
- Following the submission of the progress of the quarterly large-scale projects, 03 observations of the Minister have been forwarded to the Cabinet Secretariat for Cabinet Memorandum.
- Four quarterly reports detailing the capital expenditures of the ministry and their associated institutions pertaining to the 2025 budget, and present these documents at the Audit and Management meeting.
- Submitting the report including progress for the year from 2024.09.23 to 2025.09.23 and future plans to the Government Information Department
- Preparation and submission of a progress report to Parliament for the budget debate
Initiation of the preparation of a report on the progress of the Ministry and its affiliated institutions for the year 2025 in relation to the budget for the year 2026
- Reporting Progress of the utilization of the capital expenditure allocated to the justice sector by annal budget estimate and budget prosal monthly to the Prsedintial Sectariat

vi) Conduct Progress Review Meetings

- The advancements made in the execution of projects and programs by the institutions affiliated with the Ministry were reviewed quarterly, with three meetings convened under the leadership of the Honorable Minister to assess progress as of 30.09. 2025
- Regular meetings were conducted to assess the monitoring and advancement of the development projects undertaken by this Ministry.

vii) Right to Information Act

Information has been provided in response to requests received within the scope of this section in accordance with the Right to Information Act No. 16 of 2016.

viii) The submission of performance reports to Parliament.

a) Progress in the submission of performance reports for the Ministry of Justice and its affiliated departments.

Department	Year	Date of submission in Parliament
Ministry of Justice	2024	11.07.2025
Attorney General's Department	2024	13.06.2025
Legal Draftsman's Department	2024	14.10. 2025
Department of Law Commission	2024	23.07. 2025
Department of Government Analyst's	2023	28.02. 2025
Department of Debt Conciliation Board	2024	16.07. 2025
Department of Prisons	2024	11.07. 2025
Prison Welfare Fund	2024	28.08. 2025
Department of Community Base Corrections	2024	27.06. 2025
Office of the Supreme Court Registrar	2024	30.06. 2025
Department of Official Languages	2024	30.06. 2025

b) Progress in submission on Annual reports of State Own Enterprises under the Ministry

Institution	Year	Date of submission to Parliament	Other
Sri Lanka Institute of Judges	2024	2025.08.11	
Superior Court Complex Board of Management	2023	2025.01.28	
	2024	22.09.2025 has been forwarded for Cabinet approval.	
Legal Aid Commission	2023	2025.08.11	
National Authority for the Protection of Victims and Witnesses of Crime	2023	2025.07.30	
	2024	The Cabinet Memorandum has been forwarded to the Cabinet for approval on 03.09.2025.	

Office for Reparations	2023	2025.04.09	
Office for Missing Persons	2021	2022.12.30	
	2022	It has been decided to convene the institution to discuss with the institution regarding the shortcomings pointed out by the Auditor General in the years 2022 and 2023 (AGM/25/1177/818/077).	
	2023		
Bureau of Rehabilitation	2023	2025.01.24	
Official Language Commission	2023	2025.06.12	
National Institute of Language Education and Training	2023	2025.08.11	

c) Institutions that have submitted the strategic plan of State Enterprise Institutions in accordance with 2.3 of the guidelines introduced by the Public Enterprises Circular No. 01/2021 dated 2021.11.16

Institute	Date of Submission
Superior Court Complex Board of Management	02.10.2025
Office for Reparations	02.05.2025
Office for Missing Persons	17.09.2025
Bureau of Rehabilitation	24.09.2025
Official Language Commission	18.06.2025

ix) Preparation of Organizational Results Framework.

The Director General of the Department of Projects and Management Supervision was informed to re-review and submit the Corporate Results Framework of this Ministry and its affiliated institutions, which was sent on 2024.09.05. Accordingly, the revised Organizational Results Framework was sent to the Department of Projects and Management Supervision on 2025.06.06.

Observations were submitted on 2025.09.30 in relation to the Cabinet Memorandum submitted by the Minister of Financial Planning and Economic Development. Accordingly, relevant instructions have been given by the Cabinet Decision dated 2025.09.12.

x) Execution of the Sustainable Development Goals (2022-2030)

- This division coordinates the necessary activities to achieve the objectives in line with the 16 Sustainable Development Goals relevant to this Ministry.
- The progress of the updated information of the Sustainable Development Goals and indicators belonging to this Ministry for the Sustainable Development Council Dash Board was forwarded to the Sustainable Development Council on 2025.05.08 in accordance with the data available to the Ministry.

- Furthermore, comments on the relevance of the data required to identify national targets related to the Sustainable Development Goals were forwarded to the Sustainable Development Council on 2025.09.04

xi) Coordination of the implementation of policy recommendations related to the scope of this Ministry for the International Monetary Fund's financial cooperation program.

Accordingly, the progress of the implementation of the policy recommendations was informed to the Presidential Secretariat on 08.09.2025. Similarly, a discussion was held in this regard under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the President on 16.09.2025. Similarly, a discussion was held with the officials of the International Monetary Fund under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry on 02.10.2025.

xii) Reporting information to the Presidential Secretariat under the Government Policy of "A Thriving Nation, A Beautiful Life"

xiii) Collection and reporting of statistics of courts

Statistics of courts located throughout the island are collected quarterly and prepared semi-annually by the Statistical Report Planning Division.

3.4 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

3.4.1 Overview of the initiatives undertaken by the Development Division.

- Identification, clearing, transfer, and acquisition of land as necessary for courts and judicial residences
- Procedures for obtaining suitable buildings on a rental basis for courts and judicial residences where construction is not feasible
- Coordination procedures for identifying and acquiring or leasing required land and buildings for institutions under this Ministry
- Procedures for valuation and accounting of land and buildings that have been transferred or acquired to the Ministry of Justice
- Payment of property taxes on Ministry properties, payment of electricity and water bills for official residences, and issues related to water and electricity bills for courts
- Coordination of procedures for providing space facilities in court premises/lands to other institutions

3.4.2 Identification, Clearing, Transfer, and Acquisition of Land for Courts, Departments, and Institutions Under the Ministry of Justice

	Total as of 01.01.2025	Total as of 30.09.2025
Total number of land parcels pending transfer/acquisition or clearing	356	359
Land parcels with fully completed transfer procedures	125	137
Land parcels where transfer procedures are ongoing	182	174
Land parcels in acquisition process	25	24
Land exchanges	03	03
Others	21	21

3.4.2.1 Land Acquisition for Establishing New Courts and Residences (24 Land Parcels)

No.	Land plots to be acquired for the establishment of courts - 20	
	Lands	Current Status
01	Acquisition of a portion of land belonging to B.C.C. (British Ceylon Corporation) for the Court Complex Project in Colombo	During discussions with the National Budget Department, it was discussed that compensation payment to B.C.C. Lanka Company is not required. Accordingly, the Colombo District Secretary has informed that the land owner party must sign a waiver of compensation. Based on this notification, land acquisition procedures have been temporarily suspended, but subsequent procedures will be carried out.
02	Acquisition of three adjacent land parcels to the Galle New Court Complex	Physical possession of these land parcels has been taken, and development work has commenced. Compensation entitlement examinations are scheduled to be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act.
03	Acquisition of land for the construction of the Kalutara New Court	Notice under Section 10(1)(a) of the Land Acquisition Act has been issued, and the valuation report has been obtained. Procedures are scheduled to refer to court for compensation payment and obtain the order.
04	Acquisition of the land parcel where the Narammala Circuit Magistrate's Court is located	Approval has been obtained to bear the required funds for acquisition from collective allocations transferred to the Ministry of Lands under FR 53, and the acquisition proposal has been referred to the Ministry of Lands. The objection examination has been conducted, and the relevant report has been referred to the Minister of Lands.
05	Acquisition of a portion of the adjacent land parcel to Narammala Circuit Magistrate's Court	Procedures have been undertaken to obtain the gross valuation of the land to obtain financial allocations under FR 53.

06	Acquisition of a land parcel for the expansion of Baddegama Court	Gross valuation of the land has been obtained to secure financial allocations under FR 53.
07	Acquisition of the land parcel where Kalpitiya Circuit Magistrate's Court is located	Gross valuation of the land has been obtained to secure financial allocations under FR 53.
08	Acquisition of land for Walachchenai District/Magistrate's Court	Procedures are underway to obtain the gross valuation of the land for acquisition.
09	Acquisition of the land where the Tangalle Court Complex is located	Procedures are underway to obtain the gross valuation of the land for acquisition.
10	Acquisition of two land parcels for Udugama District/Magistrate's Court	Referred to the Director General of Budget for approval to obtain allocations under FR 53.
11	Acquisition of land for the construction of Walapane District/Magistrate's Court	Gross valuation of the land has been obtained to secure financial allocations under FR 53.
12	Acquisition of a land parcel for the Warakapola District/Magistrate's Court	Referred to the Director General of Budget to obtain allocations under FR 53.
13	Acquisition of a land parcel for the Passara District/Magistrate's Court	The Land Reform Commission is scheduled to survey and provide annotations for the land parcel to obtain a gross valuation for securing financial allocations under FR 53.
14	Acquisition of land for Welimada Court Complex	Land valuation has been obtained, and procedures are underway for compensation payment under Section 17. Certificate of vesting has been issued under Section 44 of the Land Acquisition Act.
15	Acquisition of a land parcel for Nawalapitiya District/Magistrate's Court	Gross valuation of the land has been obtained to secure financial allocations under FR 53.

16	Acquisition of the land parcel where Attanagalla District/Magistrate's Court is located	Gross valuation of the land has been obtained to secure financial allocations under FR 53.
17	Acquisition of adjacent land parcel to Attanagalla District/Magistrate's Court	Gross valuation of the land has been obtained to secure financial allocations under FR 53.
18	Acquisition of adjacent land parcels for expansion of Gampaha Court Complex	Referred to the Survey Department for amendment of the basic plan under Section 6 of the Acquisition Act. After receiving the amended basic plan, publication in the Gazette under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act is scheduled.
19	Acquisition of the land parcel where the Horana Court Complex is located	Since ownership of this land parcel is disputed, it has been informed that it has been referred for court determination under Section 10(01)(b).
20	Acquisition of a land parcel for the Pelmadulla New Court Complex	Although Cabinet approval was granted to obtain this land parcel free of charge, the Hon. Minister of Lands has informed that the land cannot be released without compensation payment under existing legal provisions. However, necessary procedures are being undertaken to obtain this land without compensation.
Land plots to be acquired for the establishment of judges' official residences - 04		
	Land	Current Status
21	Acquisition of land for Rambadagalla Magistrate's Judicial Residence	Land survey work has been completed, and the Minister of Lands' decision regarding land acquisition under Section 5 is scheduled to be published in the Gazette.
22	Acquisition of the land parcel where the Balapitiya Judicial Residence is located	Gross valuation of the land has been obtained to secure financial allocations under FR 53.
23	Acquisition of parcels for the construction of Tangalle Court Judge Residences	Referred to the Director General of Budget to obtain allocations under FR 53.
24	Acquisition of the land where the Hatton District Judge's Residence is located	Gross valuation of the land has been obtained to secure financial allocations under Item 53.

3.4.2.2 In addition, it has been proposed to provide land plots under the Urban Development Authority to the five mentioned courts under the land exchange system for urban development projects, and preliminary work is being carried out in this regard.

Land parcels to be provided by the Urban Development Authority, and the land extent	Land extent to be obtained from UDA, and the current status
01. Land where the Kurunegala Court is located - approximately 1 acre	Ministry's consent has been conveyed regarding the re-establishment of the new court complex and judicial residences within approximately 6 acres in the area where government residences are located in Gattuwana, Kurunegala.
02. Land where Mawanella Court is located - 3 Roods 12.06 Perches	Ministry's consent has been conveyed regarding the re-establishment of the new court complex within approximately 2 acres 1 rood of land called Alabokotuwa.
03. Land where Hambantota Court is located - 2 Acres 1 Rood	Proposed to provide approximately 5 acres of land under the new Hambantota town plan.

3.4.2.3. Obtaining Suitable Buildings on Rental Basis for Courts, Institutions, and Judicial Residences Where Buildings Have Not Been Constructed

Suitable buildings have been obtained on a rental basis for the following institutions and courts:

No.	Institution/Court
01	Re-establishment of the Ministry of Justice
02	Establishment of Vehicle Court No. 07
03	Establishment of the Mediation Board Commission
04	Establishment of archives and library for the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal
05	Deposition of case exhibits for Colombo High Court
06	Establishment of the National Integration Division, Reparations Office, and Office for Missing Persons
07	Establishment of Rehabilitation Division
08	Establishment of Colombo Women's High Court
09	Establishment of Kurunegala Provincial Civil Appellate High Court
10	Establishment of Pugoda District/Magistrate's Court
11	Establishment of Morawaka District/Magistrate's Court
12	Establishment of Wattala Labour Tribunal
13	Establishment of Galle Labour Tribunal

14	Establishment of Ratmalana Labour Tribunal
15	Establishment of Colombo Labour Tribunals - 01, 02, 08, 13
16	Establishment of Kurunegala Labour Tribunal
17	Establishment of Thalawakele Labour Tribunal
18	Establishment of Hatton Labour Tribunal
19	Establishment of Relief Commissioners' Department
20	Establishment of Kurunegala Relief Commission
21	Establishment of Gampaha Debt Reconciliation Board
22	Establishment of Galle Debt Reconciliation Board

a) Obtaining Official Residences on Rental or Lease Basis for Judges (104 Residences)

When providing official residences to judges, this Ministry provides residences on a rental basis only upon judges' request when a government residence cannot be provided. Obtaining a residence on a rental basis is done based on government valuation, with a maximum rental amount of Rs. 70,000. Additionally, some judges receive a residential allowance and report for duty from their private residences.

b) Identification and Renovation of Unused Judicial Residences

Among the 139 judicial residences owned by the Ministry, approximately 25 have been identified as unusable. Accordingly, the Engineering Division has been informed to take measures regarding the renovation or reconstruction of these residences. Currently, renovation work is being carried out on 5 residences. Additionally, a database is being developed to update information regarding providing residences to judges systematically and to maintain proper coordination between the Ministry and technical officers.

3.4.3 Referral to the Ministry of Justice for Valuation and Accounting (CIGAS) of Land and Buildings Where Transfer or Acquisition Procedures Have Been Completed

During the period from January 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025, land parcels valued at Rs. 3,736,615,100.00 covering 18 parcels have been referred to CIGAS for accounting. Accordingly, to date, a total of 104 land parcels valued at Rs. 13,162,131,875.00 have been referred for accounting.

a) Land and Buildings Valued During January 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 (18 parcels):

Legal Draftsman's Department, Kegalle Additional District Judge Residence, Avissawella District Judge Residence, Polonnaruwa District Judge Residence, Weliveriya Court Complex, Samanthurai Primary Court, Akkaraipattu District Magistrate's Court, Naula Magistrate's Court, Matara High Court Judge Residence, Nempitiya Circuit Magistrate's Court, Matara District Judge Residence, Polonnaruwa Court Complex, Gampaha Court Complex, Mahawa District Judge Residence, Bibila Magistrate's Court, Kakirawa Magistrate's Court, Thanamalvila Circuit Magistrate's Court, and land and buildings where Polonnaruwa High Court Judge Residence is located.

3.4.4 Other Projects/Activities

a) Ensuring Security of Important Documents

According to the work carried out by this Division, there is a large volume of documents that must be securely preserved in archives for long periods.

However, currently all correspondence is maintained in regular filing, and when maintaining these files securely, it is observed that it is essential to develop and maintain software to store information in digital format (soft copy) using digital technology. To complete this through a foreign investment project securing financial allocations considering the costs involved in this work, a project proposal has been prepared and further work is underway.

b) Preparation of Guidelines for Utilization and Maintenance of Judicial Residences

Developing a methodology whereby, when providing official residences to judges, after identifying the required number of residences relevant to each court division, private residences identified through procurement by the Ministry are obtained on a rental basis and provided as official residences for judges who have not been allocated government residences, and these residences are continuously provided for judges subsequently appointed to those positions.

Procedures are underway to prepare guidelines to systematize the allocation of government residences owned by this Ministry to court judges, based on recommendations submitted by the committee appointed to obtain recommendations.

c) Systematization of Providing Space Facilities Within Court Complexes

Procedures are underway to develop the necessary database system for providing space within court complexes to institutions or offices under this Ministry or external service providers in a systematic manner under this Ministry's coordination (on a rental basis or free of charges as necessary).

3.5 ENGINEERING DIVISION

3.5.1 Introduction

Providing the necessary facilities for the judicial system to administer justice efficiently and effectively is a primary responsibility assigned to this Ministry. To achieve this, the provision of new infrastructure, improvement and maintenance of existing facilities constitute the core functions of the Engineering Division.

Under this mandate, a multitude of important tasks such as construction of new court complexes and buildings, construction of judges' official residences, renovations and maintenance work are carried out under the coordination and supervision of this Division.

3.5.2 Projects implemented by the Ministry are primarily executed through several categories:

- Large-scale construction projects
- Construction projects under grants provided for small-scale projects
- Renovation projects carried out through allocations provided under the renovation object through the Budget Estimates
- Construction projects carried out under allocations provided through Budget Estimates under the Three-Year Infrastructure Development Plan
- Construction projects carried out under the *Adhikarana Piyasa* Project

This year's project summary is as follows

a) Under Domestic Funds

	2025 Revised Allocation (Rs. Million)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress %
Large-scale Projects	2,209.00	309.15	14.00%
Small-scale Construction Projects	400.00	51.80	12.95%
Renovation Projects	1,500.00	175.76	11.72%
Object 228 - Three-Year Plan	390.70	112.20	28.72%
Object 110 – Adhikarana Piyasa			
Magistrate's Court Complex	1,500.00	724.90	48.33%
Construction of Ministry Building	973.20	0.00	0.00%
Total	6,972.90	1,359.05	19.70%

b) Under Foreign Funds

Project	2025 Revised Allocation
Superior Court Complex Project	RMB 260 Mn
	RsMn 30 (for tax payment)

3.5.2 Projects Completed Between 01.01.2025 and 30.09.2025

Project	Estimated Amount (Rs. Million) Including VAT	2025 Expenditure (Rs. Million)	Notes
Construction of Vakarai New Court Building	50.00	16.27	Total expenditure Rs. 56.9 million
Construction of Nikaweratiya Prefabricated Court Building	170.20	11	Total expenditure Rs. 177 million
Construction of Puttalam Prefabricated Court Building	238.86	34.69	Total expenditure Rs. 220 million
Construction of Samanthurai Prefabricated Court Building	69.10	0.00	Total expenditure Rs. 60.24 million
Construction of Valachchenai Prefabricated Court Building	331	0.00	Total expenditure Rs. 309.98 million



Construction of Vakarai Court Building



Construction of Nikaweratiya Prefabricated Court Building



Construction of Puttalam
Prefabricated Court Building



Construction of Samanthurai
Prefabricated Court Building



Construction of Valachchenei
Prefabricated Court Building

3.5.4 Construction Projects Completed During the Past 5 Years (2021-2025)

1. Construction of Ratnapura Court Complex
2. Construction of Welimada Court Complex
3. Construction of Gampola Court Complex
4. Construction of Official Residences for Gampola Court Judges
5. Construction of Teldeniya Court Complex
6. Renovation of Judicial Service Commission Office Building
7. Renovation and Expansion of Toilet System at Galle High Court
8. Construction of New Walasmulla Court Building
9. Construction of Kahatagasdigiliya Mobile Magistrate's Court
10. Construction of Madavachchi Circuit Magistrate's Court

11. Construction of an Office Building for Narammala Circuit Magistrate's Court
12. Construction of Batticaloa Duplex Official Residences
13. Construction of Kurunegala Duplex Official Residences
14. Construction of Remaining Works at Badulla Court Complex, Technical Officer's Office, Community Correction Office, Police Officers' Rest Room
15. Construction of Naula Magistrate's Official Residence
16. Construction of Chilaw District Magistrate's Court Building

3.5.5 Projects Started Before 2025 and Currently Under Construction

Project	Period	Contract Amount - Including Tax (Rs. Million)	Cumulative Expenditure as at 31.12.2024 - Including Tax (Rs. Million)	2025 Revised Allocation (Rs. Million)	Expenditure up to 30.09.2025 - Including Tax (Rs. Million)	Cumulative Financial Progress % as at 30.09.2025	Cumulative Physical Progress % as at 30.09.2025
Construction of Magistrate's Court Complex (New Subject Area) - Colombo 12	2021 - 2026	8,864.8	4,028.18	1,500	723.18	54%	72%
Sri Lanka Superior Court Complex Extension and Renovation Project	2023 - 2025	RMB 230Mn	Expenditure not reported	30 (for Tax)	Expenditure not reported	-	91%
				RMB260		-	-
Construction of Galle Court Complex - Phase II	2020 - 2025	1,686	978.45	500	44.39	71%	93.5%
Construction of Matale Court Complex	2021 - 2025	599	186.63	168.21	45.30	39%	34%
Construction of Pugoda Court Complex	2018 - 2025	882	298.30	315	78.69	43%	61.5%
Construction of Kantale Court Complex	2021 - 2025	263.81	82.52	300	0.00	45%	28%
Completion of the Remaining Works of Embilipitiya Duplex Official Residences	2024 - 2025	41.14	10.8	50	15.44	64%	75%
Construction of Manampitiya Preliminary Court Building	2021 - 2025	75.84	40.24	20	12.73	70%	98%

Construction of Kuchchaveli Preliminary Court Building	2021 - 2025	117.63	46.91	50	47.16	80%	97.76%
Construction of Valachchenai District/Magistrate's Detention Cell	2025	20.44	0.00	6	5.86	29%	65%
Total	-	12,550.66	5,672.03	2,909.21	972.75	-	-

3.5.6 Projects Started Before 2025 and Completed During 2022-2023: Challenging Economic Conditions Through Mutual Cooperation

Project	Period	Contract Amount - Including Tax (Rs. Million)	Cumulative Expenditure as at 31.12.2024 - Including Tax (Rs. Million)	2025 Revised Allocation (Rs. Million)	Expenditure up to 30.09.2025 - Including Tax (Rs. Million)	Cumulative Financial Progress % at Completion	Cumulative Physical Progress % at Completion
Construction of Walpane Court Complex	2022-2024	320	99.43	200	19.50	23%	7.7%
Construction of Panadura Duplex Official Residences	2021-2023	34.56	18	0.00	0.00	52%	60%
Construction of New Helboda Court Building	2020-2023	51.2	43.21	0.00	0.00	84%	80%
Construction of Kalmunai Duplex Official Residences	2022	37.5	10.00	0.0	0.00	28%	10%
Construction of Muthur Official Residence	2021-2022	16.8	0.58	0.0	0.00	3%	0%
Construction of Chilaw Duplex Official Residences	2020-2024	31	19.21	10.00	0.00	62%	62%
Construction of Maho District Magistrate's Court Building	2022-2023	35.07	27.10	0.00	0.00	68%	60%
Construction of Dambulla Court Building	2021-2022	60.90	8.90	0.00	0.00	15%	20%
Construction of Warakapola New District Magistrate's Court Building	2022	80.61	1.09	0.00	0.00	1%	1%
Construction of Kuliyaipitiya Court Buildings	-	71.30	0.89	0.00	0.00	1%	1%

Construction of Kinniya Court Building	-	95	1.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0%
Construction of Building for Dehiattakandiya District Court	2022-2023	74.5	20	0.00	0.00	27%	8%
Construction of Nochchiyagama Office and Record Room Building	—	34.77	0.46	0.00	0.00	1%	1%
Construction of Kalpitiya Court Building	-	58.01	2.22	0.0	0.00	4%	0%
Construction of Moneragala Court Buildings	2022-2023	101.2	21.92	0.0	0.00	21%	40%
Construction of Bakamuna Office and Record Room Building	2022	33.86	4.41	0.0	0.00	13%	10%
Construction of Record Room and Production Room at Bandarawela District Court	2021-2023	32.9	16.64	0.0	0.00	50%	50%
Construction of New Wellawaya Court Building	2021-2022	58.8	16.17	0.0	0.00	27%	35%
Construction of Higurakgoda District/Magistrate's Court Building	2021-2022	104.4	17.57	0.00	0.43	17%	10%
Construction of Chilaw Additional Magistrate's Court	-	82	1.64	0.00	0.00	2%	0%
Construction of Marawila Additional Magistrate's Court	-	101.8	3.00	0.00	0.00	3%	0%
Construction of Kekirawa District/Magistrate's Court Building	2022-2023	112	27.65	0.00	0.00	25%	12%
Construction of Kalawana Circuit Magistrate's Court Building	2022	34.66	8.33	0.00	0.19	25%	20%
Total	-	1,662.84	369.42	210.00	20.12	-	-

3.5.7. Renovation Projects

Projects Operating Under 2025 High Court Procurement

High Court Zone	Approved Allocation for 2025 (Rs. Million)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Million)
Ampara	35.36	14.96
Anuradhapura	0.00	0
Avissawella	13.05	0.28
Badulla	24.66	1.94
Batticaloa	51.65	11.46
Colombo	30.64	0.23
Chilaw	5.84	2.11
Galle	47.25	3.06
Gampaha	29.66	4.85
Homagama	7.99	1.41
Jaffna	52.53	50.54
Kalmunai	7.93	1.77
Kalutara	40.84	1.87
Kandy	29.89	2.57
Kegalle	35.06	1.58
Kurunegala	33.93	10.93
Matara	34.50	0.99
Monaragala	23.25	2.21
Negombo	27.44	0.
Nuwara Eliya	3.64	0.15
Polonnaruwa	15.18	0.00
Puttalam	14.22	5.16
Ratnapura	6.70	1.40
Tangalle	64.44	3.43
Trincomalee	32.81	1.87
Vavuniya	27.80	9.63
Total	696.26	134.4

3.5.8 Renovation Projects Operating Under Ministry Procurement (Operating and Completed from 2021 to 2025)

Project	Estimate Amount Including Tax (Rs. Million)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2024 - Including Tax (Rs. Million)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Million)	Cumulative Physical Progress % as at 30.09.2025
Renovation Work at Avissawella Court Complex	6.8	0.00	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Badulla High Court and District Court	3.4	0.61	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Bandarawela Open Court of District Court	3.2	0.58	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Chilaw High Court	3.9	2.15	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Gampaha Civil Appellate High Court	6.2	3.34	0.00	100%
Construction of Boundary Wall at Gampaha Civil Appellate High Court	1.8	0.69	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Mahara Magistrate's Court	15.3	0.00	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Jaffna Court Complex	27.1	0.14	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Kuliyaipitiya Court Complex	21.1	1.22	0.00	50%
Renovation Work at Wariyapola District/Magistrate's Court	2.7	0.00	0.00	40%
Preparation of Renovation Work at Walisara District Court	2.3	0.00	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Nuwara Eliya Court Complex	5.7	0.00	0.00	100%
Renovation Work at Akkaraipattu District/Magistrate's Court Office Building	-	-	1.92	65%
Renovation Work at Judicial Service Commission Building	118	112.6	17.8	100%
Renovation of Toilet System at Galle High Court	26	10.7	7.3	100%
Renovation of Hulftsdorp Court Complex	1316	1002	0.00	73.60%
Renovation Work at Ampara Court	8	8	0.06	100%
Renovation Work at Negombo Judge's Official Residence	0.86	0.00	0.60	100%
Renovation Work at Negombo District Court	0.44	0.00	0.23	100%
Renovation Projects Carried Out by the Department of Buildings	88.19	11.09	13.45	-
Total	1,656.99	1,153.12	41.36	-

3.5.9 Future Plans

Due to the challenging economic climate that prevailed in the country during 2022-2023, several projects were temporarily suspended by mutual agreement in accordance with National Budget Circular No. 03/2022. Allocations were provided in the 2025 budget to commence projects with priority requirements from among these suspended projects. Accordingly, the following projects that were suspended by mutual agreement were decided to be commenced during this year:

1. Construction of Walpane Court Complex
2. Construction of Panadura Duplex Official Residences
3. Construction of New Helboda Court Building
4. Construction of Maho District Magistrate's Court Building
5. Construction of Dambulla Court Building
6. Construction of Moneragala Court Buildings
7. Construction of Kalawana Circuit Magistrate's Court Building

Allocation requests have been made through the 2026 Budget Estimates to commence the following projects that were suspended by mutual agreement but not planned to commence in 2025:

1. Construction of Kalmunai Duplex Official Residences
2. Construction of Muthur Official Residence
3. Construction of Chilaw Duplex Official Residences
4. Construction of Kuliypitiya Court Buildings
5. Construction of Kinniya Court Building
6. Construction of Building for Dehiattakandiya District Court
7. Construction of Nochchiyagama Office and Record Room Building
8. Construction of Kalpitiya Court Building
9. Construction of Bakamuna Office and Record Room Building
10. Construction of Record Room and Exhibits Room at Bandarawela District Court
11. Construction of Wellawaya New Court Building
12. Construction of Higurakgoda District/Magistrate's Court Building
13. Construction of Chilaw Additional Magistrate's Court
14. Construction of Marawila Additional Magistrate's Court
15. Construction of Kekirawa District/Magistrate's Court Building

Consultancy service projects that were commenced have also been temporarily suspended at the planning stage due to the prevailing challenging economic climate.

Allocation requests have been made in the 2026 Budget Estimates to commence the following projects in 2026:

1. Construction of New Building for Kaduwela Court
2. Construction of New Building for Matugama Court
3. Construction of New Building for Avissawella Court

4. Construction of New Building for Horana Court

Other temporarily suspended consultancy projects are planned to be commenced progressively in future years:

1. Construction of a New Building for Hatton District/Magistrate's Court
2. Renovation Work at Nuwara Eliya District Judge's Official Residence
3. Construction of a New Building for Mount Lavinia Court
4. Construction of a New Building for Kandy Court
5. Construction of a New Building for Mawanella District/Magistrate's Court
6. Construction of a New Building for Passara Court
7. Construction of a New Building for Pelmadulla Court
8. Construction of a New Building for Kegalle Court
9. Construction of a New Building for Batticaloa Court
10. Construction of a New Building for Attanagalla Court
11. Construction of a New Building for Minuwangoda Court
12. Construction of Trincomalee Court Complex
13. Construction of Kalutara Court Complex

Additionally, several new projects have been planned to commence for courts and judges' official residences with urgent requirements, which are listed below:

1. Construction of Detention Cell at Morawaka Court
2. Renovation Work on Roof at Negombo Court
3. Renovation Work at Nuwara Eliya District Judge's Official Residence
4. Renovation Work at Kegalle Court
5. Renovation Work on Roof at Jaffna Court
6. Renovation Work at Mannar Court
7. Renovation Work at Homagama Court
8. Renovation Work at Avissawella Court
9. Renovation Work at Ratnapura Judge's Official Residence
10. Renovation Work at Teldeniya Judge's Official Residence
11. Renovation Work at Akkaraipattu Judge's Official Residence
12. Renovation Work at Kurunegala Judge's Official Residence
13. Renovation Work at Badulla District Judge's Official Residence
14. Renovation Work at Gampaha District Judge's Official Residence
15. Renovation Work at Avissawella District Judge's Official Residence
16. Renovation Work at Kuliyaipitiya Magistrate's Official Residence
17. Renovation Work at Mawatagoda Mobile Bungalow
18. Renovation Work at Wariyapola Judge's Official Residence
19. Renovation Work at Manampitiya Court
20. Renovation Work at Kalutara Magistrate's Court

Furthermore, plans have been made to hold several progress review meetings to expedite work on ongoing projects and renovation projects, discuss their progress, and address existing issues. Additionally, several Continuous Professional Development Programmes have been planned to develop the productivity of officers in this Division, some of which are as follows:

1. Training Programme for Plumbing Technicians
2. Training Programme for Electricians
3. Training Programme on Quantity Surveying
4. Training Programme on Contract Management

3.6 REFORMS DIVISION

3.6.1 Introduction

This Division takes the charge of implementing reforms necessary to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the judicial sector ensuring equal access to justice and facilitating the implementation of international established practices in collaboration with development partners for its advancement.

01. Coordination of activities related to foreign funded projects
 - i. Projects to support justice (SJS/JURE) funded by the European Union (EU)
 - ii. Project to construct 2889 rainwater harvesting tanks (RWH) in the Jaffna District funded by the Government of India
02. All establishment activities related to statutory appointments.
 - i. Justice of the Peace
 - ii. Commissioner for Oaths
 - iii. Inquirer-into- Sudden Deaths
 - iv. Unofficial Magistrate
 - v. Sworn Translator
03. Coordination of activities related to forensic medicine and forensic investigations and excavations of mass graves.
04. Coordination of activities related to the provision of evidence through the online system.
05. Information Technology Unit - Providing the necessary information technology facilities and technical support to the Ministry and the institutions coming within its purview.
06. Transport Unit - Providing the necessary transport facilities for the Ministry and the court administration.

3.6.2 Foreign Funded Projects

The delay in the legal process due to the backlog of court cases piling up in the courts and the increase in prison congestion are the main issues facing the judicial sector in Sri Lanka. It is a priority task of this Division to take necessary steps to minimize these issues, increase the efficiency of the courts and thereby strengthen the judicial sector by obtaining the support of various development stakeholders. Accordingly, the following projects funded by the development stakeholders are coordinated by this Division.

Project name (abbreviated) - EU - SJS/JURE	
Project - Projects to support justice	
Estimated Cost - Euros 19.4 million	
Project Duration - 5 years (01/2022 - 01/2026)	
Current Status	Project Results
01. Information technology equipment have been provided to improve the functioning of the Translation Unit of the Court of Appeal, with the aim of minimizing delays and relieving the backlog of cases. 02. The Judicial Sector Data Snapshot was initiated. 03. Victim and witness friendly evidence boxes were designed and installed in five High Courts. 04. The Infrastructure Needs Assessment for the Judicial Sector was completed and handed over to the Ministry of Justice. 05. Implementation of a model court as a pilot project in the Kandy High Court to enable child victims and experts to give evidence through digital technology with the aim of creating a child-friendly environment in the courtroom – UNICEF. 06. 06. Arrangements have been made to provide video call technology kits to High Courts and Magistrates' Courts so that evidence can be given through technology. 07. Conducting a workshop for members of the Debt Conciliation Board . 08. Meeting with an international expert on the legislative development process. 09. To enhance the legal awareness of the people, the “Know Your Neethi” program was launched and its content was shared with over 1.6 million people through Facebook, Instagram and Youtube. Its awareness camp was held in Badulla.	1. Improve access to justice for all, especially women, the poor and people in vulnerable situations Outcome 2. Improve accountability, transparency and credibility of the judicial system 3. Improve efficiency and quality of justice.

Project name (abbreviated) - Installation of rainwater harvesting (RWH) tanks	
Project - Construction of 2889 rainwater harvesting tanks in Jaffna District	
Estimated Cost - Sri Lankan Rupees 421,865,305.91	
Present status	Outcomes of the project
The Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval for the construction of 934 rainwater harvesting tanks utilizing the remaining funds from the grant provided by the Government of India.	The Indian Government has taken steps to construct 2,889 rainwater harvesting tanks in the Jaffna District.

3.6.3. Establishment matters related to statutory appointments

i. Justice of the Peace

According to the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978, Justices of the Peace are appointed by the Hon. Minister of Justice.

Accordingly, orders have been published on the appointment, removal and disciplinary control of Justices of the Peace (*Vide* Gazette No. 2360/22 dated 27.11.2023) The new Justice of the Peace application form has been prepared in accordance with the Gazette No. 2439/34 dated 04.06.2025. Steps have been made to print and issue by the Minister's Office the new Justice of the Peace application forms.

ii. Commissioner of Oaths

Under Section 12 (1) of the Oaths Ordinance, the Hon. Minister of Justice appoints Attorneys-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka as Commissioners of Oaths. Applicants have been facilitated to apply for the post of Commissioner of Oaths through the website of the Ministry of Justice.

Necessary steps are being taken to prepare a new methodology to make this service available online.

iii. Inquirer-into-Sudden Deaths

Applications for the post of Inquirer-into-Sudden Deaths were invited for 160 Divisional Secretariat Divisions where this post fallen vacant and interviews were conducted for 71 qualified applicants. Appointments as Inquirer-into-Sudden Deaths were given to 23 applicants who passed the interview.

iv. Unofficial Magistrates

Under the powers vested in the Hon. Minister of Justice pursuant to Section 45(3) of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978, this position is granted to Attorneys-at-Law who have completed 15 years of service at the Supreme Court, and recommendations must be obtained from the District Judge, Magistrate, High Court Judge and Bar Association.

v. Sworn Translators

Sworn translators are appointed based on written examination results. Based on the results of the examination held in January 2025, 485 sworn translators for National languages (Sinhala/Tamil/English) were appointed.

Approximately 2,800 new applications have been received for the National language written examination for sworn translators scheduled for the end of this year, and 876 new applications for the foreign language written examination. Necessary arrangements are being made to conduct the sworn translator examinations.

3.6.3.1 The new appointments made from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 are as follows.

S/N	Appointment	Quantity
i.	Justice of the Peace	114 approved.
ii.	Commissioner for Oaths	258
iii.	Inquirer into Sudden Deaths	23
iv.	Unofficial Magistrate	Temporarily suspended.
v.	Sworn Translator	485

3.6.4 Coordination of activities related to forensic medical work and forensic investigations and excavations of mass graves

Facilities have been provided to conduct forensic medical activities related to mass graves and the following activities were carried out in 2025:

- Regarding human skeletal remains found during excavation by a construction company at a roundabout near Colombo Harbor Police Station, funds of Rs. 1,989,400.00 for Phase 02 and Rs. 1,318,580.00 for Phase 03 were released to Colombo High Court based on the financial estimates submitted by the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court.
- Funds of Rs. 609,500.00 were released to Vavuniya High Court based on the financial estimate submitted by Mannar District/Magistrate's Court for investigations related to human skeletal remains found in a mass grave associated with the Satosa building in the Thiruketheeswaran area of Mannar District.
- Necessary funds were released to the Northern Provincial High Court for excavation investigations related to human skeletal remains found at Sindupathi Cemetery in the Chemmani area of Jaffna District: Rs. 1,591,800/- for Phase 01, Rs. 12,310,000/- for Phase 02, Rs. 50,000/- for additional labor costs in Phase 01, and Rs. 19,106,000/- for the second part of Phase 02.
- A financial estimate of Rs. 2,850,000.00 submitted by the Forensic Medical Officer (Chief Analyst) for investigations related to human skeletal remains found in the Kurukkalmadam area of Batticaloa District has been submitted for approval.

- A financial estimate of Rs. 589,000.00 submitted by Trincomalee High Court for investigations related to human skeletal remains found in the Sampur area of Trincomalee District has been submitted for approval.

3.6.5 Coordination Activities for Implementation of Online Evidence Provision

Under this, facilities were provided for giving evidence online through coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and relevant embassies for 09 court proceedings.

3.6.6 Project to Provide Technical Infrastructure Facilities to Courts for Evidence Provision via Real-Time Audio-Visual Connectivity

In accordance with the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act No. 7 of 2025, arrangements have been made to expand the process of hearing court proceedings through online systems. It is expected to supply video conferencing technology kits to courts where more than 15 remand prisoners are produced daily. Procurement activities are in progress to provide 100 video conferencing units to Magistrate's Courts and District/Magistrate's Courts across the country using government funds.

3.6.7 Development of a System for Processing Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) Requests

The Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act No. 25 of 2002 serves as the legal framework for facilitating mutual legal assistance between Sri Lanka and other countries in criminal proceedings. This Act enables various forms of cooperation, including:

- Institution of criminal proceedings,
- Service of legal documents,
- Examination of witnesses,
- Obtaining evidence and documentation, and
- Exchange of information on criminal matters and judicial authority.

This Act operates under agreements with Commonwealth countries to enhance information exchange and judicial assistance in criminal matters. Amendment No. 24 was published in 2018 to further strengthen cooperation mechanisms between Sri Lanka and partner states in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

A technical committee has been established to identify these subject matters and processes, and 02 committee meetings have been held to date. The Software Requirement Specification for this system is being prepared.

3.6.8 Information Technology Unit

The following activities have been carried out by the Information Technology Unit:

- **Digital Mail Management System Installation Project**

To streamline mail management at the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), digitization efforts are underway. The objective is to formalize all incoming and outgoing correspondence, transitioning from the manual process of recording in books and distributing letters to an efficient, secure, and transparent digital method. This aims to improve operational efficiency and ensure the timely and secure handling of sensitive legal and administrative documents.

- Revamping the official website (moj.gov.lk) to improve performance, security, and user experience. The website's design, mechanisms, and service sections have been modernized to be easily accessible to users.
- Review of internal mail system operations
- Review of internal system operations for monitoring the progress of Cabinet papers by division
- Review of judicial web portal operations (for internal use only)
- Development of a web portal exclusively for judicial staff

3.6.9 Transport Unit

Necessary maintenance is carried out to keep vehicles in good running condition for the Ministry under Vote 110 and for Courts Administration under Vote 228. Accordingly, fuel efficiency of these vehicles is checked, luxury vehicles are disposed of according to Asset Management Circular No. 05/2024 regulations, necessary work is done for external vehicle repairs, and vehicles temporarily provided by the Ministry for use under the ministerial subject area and other institutions are permanently transferred to those institutions.

3. 7 PRISON AFFAIRS DIVISION

3.7.1 Introduction

The Prison Affairs Division, while undertaking a comprehensive reform of the prison administration giving emphasis for resolving issues arisen in respect of service of the prison officers, formulates, supervises and follows up the necessary policies to carry out the rehabilitation process in a more systematic manner with the aim of adapting the inmates to society as good citizens upon their release from incarceration. Additionally, the necessary policies are developed, overseen, and implemented to broaden the community correction system as the primary alternative to prison overcrowding, as well as to rehabilitate individuals who are addicted to drugs and referred to the Rehabilitation Bureau by the court as productive individuals for society, and to formulate, monitor and follow up the necessary policies to enhance economic, social and welfare activities to make their lives successful after the rehabilitation period is over and they are reintegrated into society.

3.7.1.1 Functions performed by the Division

- ❖ All progress review activities relating to the Department of Prisons, the Department of Community Based Corrections and the Bureau of Rehabilitation.
- ❖ Project monitoring and follow-up activities relating to the Department of Prisons, the Department of Community Based Corrections and the Bureau of Rehabilitation.

- ❖ Preparation of Cabinet Memoranda and project proposals relating to the Department of Prisons, the Department of Community Based Corrections and the Bureau of Rehabilitation.
- ❖ Obtaining daily reports, updating statistical reports and analyzing data regarding the detainees held by the Department of Prisons, the Department of Community Based Corrections and the Bureau of Rehabilitation.
- ❖ Progress review, data analysis, identification of issues and following up activities to promote the prison industry sector.
- ❖ Receiving, coordinating and monitoring progress reports, action plan reports and development project reports of the Department of Prisons, Community Based Corrections Department and the Rehabilitation Bureau
- ❖ Taking steps to eliminate anti-social activities in prisons.
- ❖ Taking necessary measures to develop prison infrastructure.
- ❖ Establishing modern technological methods for monitoring criminals in prisons.
- ❖ Developing a comprehensive system for the rehabilitation of prisoners.
- ❖ Commuting prisoners based on good behavior'
- ❖ Reviewing the files of young offenders who are about to be released and submitting them for approval based on Commutation.
- ❖ Releasing prisoners on licenses.
- ❖ Dealing with prisoners who have violated the conditions of their releasing licenses.
- ❖ Changing the administrative supervisory officers of prisoners released on licenses.
- ❖ Sending prisoners on home leave.
- ❖ Matters relating to the requests of prisoners and recipients of rehabilitation.
- ❖ Matters relating to the submission of review reports of prisoners.
- ❖ Health care promotion activities of prisoners and rehabilitation trainees.
- ❖ Activities regarding escapes and violations of orders by prisoners, rehabilitation trainees and correctional order recipients'
- ❖ Coordination activities with relevant parties regarding special need prisoners/suspects.
- ❖ Coordination and operational activities for requests received for obtaining labor from prisoners.
- ❖ Prison Renovation Activities.
- ❖ Coordination activities related to the repair of prison institutions.
- ❖ Land Acquisition, takeover and repossession and release of possession relating to the Department of Prisons and the Rehabilitation Bureau.
- ❖ Determining securities for prison officers.
- ❖ Establishing visiting committees for prison institutions and following up on related activities
- ❖ Developing and following up on the prison information technology system.

3.7.2 Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

1.) New Constructions

- i. It was able to obtain approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to allocate Rs. 1782 million for the completion of all constructions by 31.12.2028 in relation to the completion of the essential remaining works of the project for the establishment of the Bogambara Prison in Pallekele.
- ii. The Department of Prisons is undertaking a large number of construction projects with the aim of providing a more efficient service by utilizing limited human resources. In this regard, with the aim of reducing the construction cost by about 20% by utilizing cost and energy-efficient construction techniques, it was able to obtain approval of the Cabinet of Ministers in 2025 to provide consultancy services related to the constructions under the Department of Prisons, to the National Engineering Research and Development Institute of Sri Lanka (NERDC) up to Rs. 50 million deviating from the Design and Built basis procurement procedure.

02. Installation of solar energy systems

With the global inclination towards solar energy as a solution to the energy crisis of the 21st century, there has been a trend towards it locally as well. Accordingly, the Department of Prisons has also launched a pilot project in 2024 and succeeded in installing 02 solar energy systems in Anuradhapura and Angunakolapelessa Prisons in 2025. In addition, initial plans to install a solar energy system in Dumbara Prison are currently being implemented and the progress of the project is being monitored by this Division.

03. Integration of a biometric data system into the Prison Information Management System

Without the introduction of the biometric data system, which is one of the main components of the Prison Information Management System implementation project, there is no proper method to obtain the historical information of prisoners when they are re-imprisoned. For that reason, when a prisoner is re-imprisoned, their data has to be re-entered into the information management system. Also, when prisoners are re-imprisoned, the Prison Information Management System cannot check the historical information of that prisoner. Accordingly, plans have been made under the United Nations Development Program to integrate the biometric data system with the Prison Information Management System with appropriate modifications at a cost of Rs. 7.5 million. It is also scheduled to provide necessary equipment to 10 prison institutions under the United Nations Development Program.

04. Actions on requests

Prison institutions accept prisoners of all categories who are imprisoned or remanded under the competent jurisdiction of any court in the country and this Division takes necessary steps in this regard by considering the various requests received from state institutions and relatives of prisoners regarding the prisoners who are thus imprisoned. Accordingly, as of 30.09.2025, 60 prison requests have been received in parallel with the year 2025 and steps have been taken to provide answers to 52 of them.

05. Establishment of the Weerawila Drug Rehabilitation Center.

As a remedy for inmates who are addicted to drugs and are imprisoned, a treatment and rehabilitation center for drug addicts and convicted persons was established in the Weerawila Prison to implement formal treatment and rehabilitation programs. For this purpose, a sum of Rs. 30 million has been allocated for the year 2025, of which a sum of Rs. 6.14 million has been spent by 31st August 2025, and progress has been made with the construction of an electric fence around the prison at 100% and the construction of the building at 95%.

06. Improving sanitary facilities in the prisons

The irregular disposal of wastewater from prison institutions has caused threats for the ecosystems around the areas where these institutions are located as well as for the hygiene of prisoners. As a solution to this situation, the repair of sewage and wastewater drainage systems in prison institutions has been initiated and a sum of Rs. 400 million has been allocated for this entire project. Of this, a sum of Rs. 70 million has been allocated for the year 2025 for the repair of toilets, bathing areas and kitchens in the prisons and as of 31st August, 2025, a sum of Rs. 6.45 million has been spent and a sum of Rs. 263 million has been allocated for the construction of sewage systems in Polonnaruwa, Kuruwita, Negombo, Wariyapola, Angunakolapelessa, Boossa and Jaffna prisons.

07. Initiation of special inmate training projects implemented with the Department of Prisons and private institutions.

In order to utilize prison inmates as a capable workforce and to make them productive citizens in society, special prisoner training projects were initiated in collaboration with private institutions in the year 2023. Accordingly, this task was further expanded this year compared to the previous year, and in order to socialize the imprisoned inmate as a vocationally trained and skilled professional and entrepreneur, and to provide the inmates with the opportunity to provide economic relief to their dependents by earning an income during their imprisonment, agreements were entered into with several other private institutions, and as of 30.09.2025, the human labor of 537 inmates had been deployed for these projects.

08. Upgrading the Prison Agriculture and Industry Sector

With the aim of utilizing prisoner labor in productive economic activities and providing some vocational training to prisoners, the prison has taken steps to promote the agricultural and industrial sector and increase profits from the agricultural, industrial and livestock sectors as follows

	2023 (Rs.)	2024 (Rs.)	2025.08.31 (Rs.)
Revenue	253,751,336.14	316,089,717.15	200,043,039.70
Expenditure	137,609,307.57	160,075,039.02	98,105,905.94
Profit	116,142,028.57	156,014,678.13	101,937,133.76

09. Increasing the number of community correction orders

The community-based correction orders, which is an alternative punishment system to imprisonment, has been identified as the most successful mean alternative to punishment system. Accordingly, the target of increasing the number of correctional orders to 15,000 in the year 2024 was successfully achieved, increasing the number of order recipients to 15,631 by the end of 2024. Accordingly, a target was given to increase the number of order recipients to 16,000 for the year 2025, and it has been reached to 12,705 by 31.08.2025.

10. Release of prisoners on parole and commutation of sentences for prisoners on good behavior

A large number of prisoners who had performed well in their rehabilitation work with good behavior in prisons were released in 2025. Accordingly, prisoners were released on parole, prisoners' sentences were commuted for good behavior, and prisoners were sent on home leave.

Serial No.	Basis upon which the sentence was commuted	Number of prisoners released From 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025
01.	Release on license	80
02.	Sending home leave	131
03.	Release on good behavior	248
04.	Release of prisoners on specific days	606
Total		1,065

11. Establishment of rehabilitation centers for those seeking voluntary rehabilitation

After successfully rehabilitating and socializing of those who engaged in terrorist acts, the Rehabilitation Bureau was given the responsibility of rehabilitating drug addicts and socializing them as good citizens. Accordingly, in accordance with the Rehabilitation Bureau Act No. 02 of 2023, as the Rehabilitation Bureau is also obliged to carry out the task of rehabilitating those who voluntarily request rehabilitation, plans are currently underway to commence rehabilitation activities for them at the Senapura Navoda Tertiary and Vocational Literacy Training Center as a first step.

3.8 NATIONAL INTEGRATION DIVISION

3.8.1 Introduction

The National Integration Division implements programs aimed at establishing inter-ethnic cooperation and coexistence, while ensuring the protection of the heritage, identities, and cultures of all ethnic and community groups living within Sri Lankan society. This is achieved by introducing and implementing necessary programs and by providing opportunities to foster mutual understanding of cultural, social, and religious backgrounds among different communities.

These programs are implemented through Development Officers (National Integration), National Integration Coordinators, and National Integration Promotion Assistants assigned to Divisional Secretariats throughout the country.

The Division also coordinates and supervises the functions of the following three institutions:

- Office for Reparations (OR)
- Office on Missing Persons (OMP)
- Office for National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR)

3.8.1.1 Functions of the National Integration Division

- i. Planning programs across the country to promote national integration and providing proper supervision and guidance for their implementation.
- ii. Coordinating and supervising the duties of Development Officers (National Integration), National Integration Coordinators and National Integration Promotion Assistants at divisional and district levels.
- iii. Coordinating activities with the Office for Reparations (OR), Office on Missing Persons (OMP), and Office for National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR).
- iv. Establishing, restructuring, and strengthening coexistence societies.
- v. Coordinating and supervising foreign-funded projects aimed at promoting national Integration.

3.8.2 Progress of the Performance and Project Implementation from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

According to the approved budget for the year 2025, provisions have been allocated under four main expenditure headings.

1. **Implementation of Coexistence Programs – Expenditure Head – 110-01-05-02-2509**
 - Enhancing peace, coexistence, and harmony among multi-ethnic and multi-religious communities.

Introduction

The objective of this activity is to enhance peace, coexistence, and harmony among multi-ethnic and multi-religious communities by implementing national, religious, cultural, and attitudinal development programs targeting areas where such communities live together.

To achieve this, the program promotes social and cultural coexistence among Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, and Islamic communities through activities such as:

Celebrating religious and national festivals together with different ethnic and religious groups — including Sinhala and Hindu New Year, Vesak/Poson, Thai Pongal, Maha Shivaratri, Ramadan, Hajj, Easter, and Christmas. Organizing aesthetic and sports events targeting students from multi-ethnic and multi-religious schools to strengthen coexistence and unity.

Conducting awareness and attitudinal development programs on social cohesion with the participation of students from Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim, and Catholic schools and Sunday schools, representing different religions and ethnicities. Organizing community service programs with the involvement of these groups.

Alignment with Government Policy Statement:

- A harmonious Sri Lankan nation undivided by racist, castes and religious ideologies
- Organization of cultural programs and activities for national and religious unity at national, provincial and district level.

Number of Projects Implemented	Number of Beneficiaries	Approved Estimate for the Year 2025 (Rs.)	Amount of Provisions Expended as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress	Amount of Provisions Released to Divisional Secretariat Offices as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)
185	13,500	10,000,000.00	3,227,680.86	58%	32.27%	5,825,900.00

2. Strengthening Reconciling Focused on Economic Empowerment and Social Infrastructure Development - Expenditure Head 110-01-05-13-2509

- Strengthening reconciliation by improving the economic status of the affected communities.

Introduction

The objective of this activity is to strengthen reconciliation by focusing on economic empowerment and the development of social infrastructure.

It targets communities affected by ethnic, religious, or cultural disparities, as well as groups who suffered due to various disturbances in the country and those living in border villages directly impacted by the conflicts in the Northern and Eastern war period. The program identifies these affected communities and provides:

- Self-employment tools,
- Opportunities to obtain NVQ-level certification, and
- Advisory and awareness programs necessary for starting and sustaining self-employment.

Through these interventions, the economic status of the beneficiaries is improved, which in turn enhances the living standards of their families and generates positive effects on the overall economy.

Alignment with Government Policy Statement: Providing relief to war widows, internally displaced persons, people with disabilities and people with trauma in need of relief and shelter.

Number of Projects Implemented	Number of Beneficiaries	Approved Estimate for the Year 2025 (Rs.)	Amount of Provisions Expended as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress	Amount of Provisions Released to Divisional Secretariat Offices as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)
15	15	15,000,000.00	540,000.00	13%	3.60%	2,023,000.00

3. Establishment of District Level Reconciliation Committees – Expenditure Head 110-01-05-14-2509

- Promoting inter-community coexistence through environmental security.

Introduction

The objective of this activity is to promote harmony and coexistence among different ethnic groups through the implementation of environmental protection programs. These projects are designed to be implemented across all Divisional Secretariat under the coverage of the Coexistence Committees.

Through the functioning of the Coexistence Committees, it is expected that collective decision-making and collaborative action will strengthen harmony and reconciliation among multi-ethnic and multi-religious communities. To achieve this, religious leaders, civil society activists, and community leaders work together with committee members to implement programs at selected common locations—such as roads, streams, and coastal areas—including:

- Religious purification programs,
- Environmental conservation activities such as tree planting and beautification efforts.

Alignment with Government Policy Statement:

- A harmonious Sri Lankan nation undivided by racist, castes and religious ideologies
- Organization of cultural programs and activities for national and religious unity at national, provincial and district level.

Number of Projects Implemented	Number of Beneficiaries	Approved Estimate for the Year 2025 (Rs.)	Amount of Provisions Expended as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress	Amount of Provisions Released to Divisional Secretariat Offices as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)
81	2000	6,000,000.00	1,069,441.00	31%	17.82%	1,974,950.00

04 Rehabilitation Focused Economic Empowerment Project (REEP) – Northern and Eastern Provinces – Expenditure Head 110-01-05-19-2202

A project aimed at strengthening reconciliation by improving the economic status of communities affected in the Northern and Eastern Provinces.

Introduction

The objective of this activity is to strengthen reconciliation by focusing on economic empowerment and the development of social infrastructure.

It targets communities affected by ethnic, religious, or cultural disparities, as well as groups who suffered due to various disturbances in the country and those living in border villages directly impacted by the conflicts during the Northern and Eastern war period. The program also supports individuals resettled after the Northern and Eastern war.

The intervention provides:

- Self-employment tools,
- Opportunities to obtain NVQ-level certification, and
- Advisory and awareness programs necessary for starting and sustaining self-employment.

Through these initiatives, the beneficiaries are economically empowered, contributing to their personal well-being and broader social reconciliation.

Alignment with Government Policy Statement: Providing relief to war widows, internally displaced persons, people with disabilities and people with trauma in need of relief and shelter.

Number of Projects Implemented	Number of Beneficiaries	Approved Estimate for the Year 2025 (Rs.)	Amount of Provisions Expended as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)	Physical Progress	Financial Progress	Amount of Provisions Released to Divisional Secretariat Offices as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)
37	37	10,000,000.00	4,146,994.47	53%	41.46%	5,300,907.00

5 Projects Implemented to Promote National Integration

These projects were carried out by Development Officers (National Integration), National Integration Coordinators, and National Integration Promotion Assistant Officers assigned to Divisional Secretariat across the country under the Ministry of Justice and National Integration

S/N	Time Period	Total Number of Projects	Total Number Of beneficiaries
01	2025.01.01 – 2025.09.23	1,156	74,615

6 Special Projects Implemented by the National Integration Division

Foreign-Funded Projects

1. Strengthening Social Cohesion and Peace in Sri Lanka (SCOPE) (Year 2022-2025)

Total Project Expenditure:- Euro 13Mn

The financial agreement between the SCOPE project and this Ministry ended on 30.04.2025. Thereafter, the implementing agency, GIZ, carried out project activities under direct project provisions.

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Project Duration	Total Estimated Amount (Rs. Million)	Amount Allocated up to 30.09.2025	Expenditure up to 30.09.2025 (Rs. Million)	Cumulative Expenditure as at 30.09.2025	Physical Progress (%) as at 30.09.2025	Status (Completed / Ongoing / Halted)
2022/03 – 2025/08	2926.00	1,281.81	554.07	2,157.01	118.16%	On going

3.8.3 Tasks Scheduled for Completion in the Coming Months

- By 30.11.2025, release all approved provisions for projects implemented in 2025 to the Divisional Secretariat and completes the process.

3.9 FINANCE DIVISION

3.9.1 Introduction

The Accounts Division of the Ministry carries out financial control activities subject to the Ministry expenditure head 110 of and expenditure head 228 and supervises the financial activities of the Departments and Statutory Bodies coming within the purview of the Ministry.

In carrying out such activities,

1. Implementing an efficient and effective financial management system and providing relevant advice and guidance.
2. Ensuring the protection of the assets of the institution.
3. Managing finances in accordance with Financial Regulations and Circulars.
4. Controlling expenditure within the approved budgetary provisions.
5. Accounting and reporting of all financial information'
6. Preparing and providing the necessary information and reports for the Public Accounts Committees of Parliament, providing the necessary information to the Auditor General and the Internal Audit Divisions and strengthening and improving the transparent financial control system.

4 main Divisions within the Accounting Division take the charge to fulfill this overall role and the main functions of each of those Divisions are summarized as follows.

3.9.1.1 Functions of the Payment Division

- I. Expenditure Head 110 - All payments related to the following projects under the Ministry of Justice expenditure head.
 - a. Minister's Staff
 - b. General Administration
 - c. Mediation s Commission
 - d. National Integration and Reconciliation Unit
 - e. Promotion of National Integration
 - f. State Institutions
- II. Salary preparation work
- III. Expenditure ledger control
- IV. Reporting monthly account summaries of revenue and expenditure of statutory institutions under the Ministry to the Treasury
- V. Imprest management
- VI. Providing funds for programs conducted at the district level for the promotion of national integration
- VII. Accounting activities regarding foreign grants.
- VIII. Transmission of data to the Treasury through the ITMIS system.

3.9.1.2 Functions of the Courts Administration Division

- I. Under the Expenditure Head 228 - Courts Administration, accounting activities relating to the following projects
 - a. Courts administration
 - b. Labour Tribunal
- II. Release of provisions and imprest for the needs of the courts.
- III. Reporting the revenue and expenditure of the courts to the General Treasury through monthly account summaries.
- IV. Accounting of changes in assets and reporting the same to the Department of Public Accounts.
- V. Delegation of powers to operate official bank accounts of the courts.
- VI. Responding to internal and Auditor General audit inquiries.
- VII. Providing answers to the questions raised by the Public Accounts Committee.
- VIII. Payments related to the construction of court buildings carried out by the Ministry.
- IX. Supervision and coordination of accounting activities in judicial zones throughout the island.
- X. Implementation of the ITMIS system in courts across the island on the instructions of the Department of Public Accounts.

3.9.1.3 Functions of the Accounts Division

- I. Preparation of annual budgetary estimates for Expenditure Head 110 (Ministry of Justice) and Expenditure Head 228 (Court Administration)
- II. Preparing and submitting annual financial statements to the Auditor General.
- III. Handling of Public Officials' Advance B Account.
- IV. Managing the budget by reviewing expenses.
- V. Coordinating the financial and accounting activities of Departments and Institutions.
- VI. Granting approval for the disposal of goods confiscated by the courts.
- VII. Submitting monthly revenue reports related to Expenditure Heads 110 and 228 to the relevant institutions.

3.9.1.4 Functions of the Procurement Division

- I. Procurement activities for the purchase of all goods and services of the Ministry.
- II. Release of provisions required for the acquisition of office equipment for the courts.
- III. Appointment of Procurement Committees in the Ministry of Justice, High Courts and institutions under the Ministry.
- IV. Organizing procurement meetings of the Ministerial Procurement Committees of the Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (CAPC) in respect of the Ministry and other Departments and Institutions of the Ministry.
- V. Conducting annual Board of Surveys and auction-related activities.
- VI. Carrying out warehouse control and asset management activities and implementing the Government Non Financial Asset Management System (NFAMS) operated by the Comptroller General's Office.
- VII. Providing necessary reports to the Comptroller General regarding the non-financial assets of the Ministry and all institutions under the Ministry.

3.9.2 Financial progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

3.9.2.1 Expenditure Head 110 – Ministry of Justice

Description	Approved provision for the year 2025 (Rs. in Mn.)	Expenses as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. in Mn.)	Financial progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
Recurrent expenditure	6,872.80	2,765.35	40 %
Capital expenditure	6,170.18	909.82	15 %
Total	13,042.98	3,675.17	28 %

3.9.2.2 Expenditure Head 228 – Courts Administration

Description	Approved Estimate for the Year 2025 (Rs. in Mn.)	Expenses as at 30.09.2025 (Actual) (Rs. in Mn.)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 as a percentage of the approved estimate. (%)
Recurrent expenditure	10,997.25	8,262.04	75 %
Capital expenditure	4,999.10	839.55	17 %
Total	15,996.35	9,101.57	57 %

3.9.2.3 Expenditure Head 110 - Progress of large-scale projects of the Ministry of Justice -2025

Project name	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs. in Mn.)	Expenses as at 30.09.2025	Financial progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
Adhikarana Piyasa	1,500	724.96	48.33 %

3.9.2.4 Expenditure Head 228 - Progress of large-scale projects of the Courts Administration - 2025

Project name	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs. in Mn.)	Expenses as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. in Mn.)	Financial progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
228-1-1-2104(2) Galle	500	44.40	9 %
228-1-1-2104(7) Small-scale development programs	400	74.40	19 %
228-1-1-2104(12) Gampola	15	14.9	99 %
228-1-1-2104(17) Anuradhapura, Matale, Jaffna, Polonnaruwa	184	49	27 %
228-1-1-2104(22) Ratnapura and Welimada	590	33.54	6 %

228-1-1-2104(23) Kilinochchi, Theldeniya, Pugoda and Kantale	720	157.3	22 %
228-1-1-2104(25) Walapane	200	19.88	10 %
228-1-1-2104(30) Three-year plan to improve infrastructure in the judicial sector	390.70	112.22	29 %

3.9.2.5 Revenue Collection – Expenditure Head 228 – Courts Administration - As at 30.09.2025.

Revenue Description	Estimated revenue (Rs. in Mn.)	Revenue Collection as at 30.09.2025. (Rs. in Mn.)	Progress (%)
Collection of revenue related to fines and confiscations	2,700	2004.68	74.25 %
Interest income	66	46.94	71.11 %
Sale charges - Other Receipts	450	297.12	66.02 %
Sale charges - Administrative fees - miscellaneous	220	164.81	74.91 %
Building rental	35	52.51	150 %
Sale of fixed assets Other	9.5	15.97	168 %

- In accordance with Asset Management Circular No. 05/2024, luxury vehicles, which are a huge expense burden in state institutions, have been disposed according to the government procurement methodology and the proceeds of Rs. 190,412,999.99 has been credited to state revenue.

3.10 INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION

3.10.1 Introduction

Approximately 258 audit units exist including the Ministry and its Departments, Statutory Institutions in addition to the High Courts, Civil Appellate High Courts, District Courts, District/Magistrates' Courts, Magistrates' Courts run under the Court Administration Expenditure Head and the Labour Tribunals Secretariats operating as a supporting project of the said Expenditure Head and out of which there exist 08 institutions wherein internal audit units have been established. The auditing of the remaining 250 audit units is carried out by the Internal Audit Division of the Ministry.

During the internal auditing, internal audit activities are carried out in the above-mentioned institutions with special attention to performance and system auditing and in accordance with the risk-based internal audit plan prepared by our Division for the year 2025, the following audit inspections have been carried out from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025.

- High Courts 10
- District/ Magistrates' Courts 05
- District Courts 02
- Magistrates' Courts 07
- Civil Appellate High Court 01
- Non-Judicial Officers' Training Institute
- Department of Debt Conciliation Board
- Department of Law Commission
- Government Analyst's Department
- National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses
- Department of Community-based Corrections
- Ministry of Justice - 03 Audit inspection (Transport Division, Supply Division and Store, Development Division)
- Special audit inspections 03
- Audit and Management Committee Meetings 03

A revised audit plan has been prepared for the coming quarter and accordingly, audit inspections and audit and management committee meetings have been planned.

3.11 National Language Division

3.11.1 Introduction

The provisions relating to the implementation of the official language policy of Sri Lanka are stipulated in Articles 18-25 of the Constitution, which provide for the provision of services to the citizen in the Official Languages, National Languages and Link languages. Accordingly, Article 25 of the Constitution states that the government shall facilitate the said matter. Accordingly, the National Language Division has been established under the Ministry of Justice and National Integration by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2412/08 and dated 25.11.2024.

The implementation of the Official Language Policy (OLP) in Sri Lanka is a collective effort and is enshrined in constitutional provisions. It also requires all stakeholders to move forward consistently, coherently and collectively to implement the Official Language Policy (OLP) effectively. In addition, language rights are a necessary condition for ensuring equal access to public services, and the government, as a client, is responsible for creating those opportunities.

The primary responsibility of the National Language Division is to formulate, implement and monitor policies related to the implementation of the Official Language Policy. Two (02) Provincial Centers have been established in the Northern and Eastern Districts of Kilinochchi and Batticaloa, and the Department of Official Languages, the Official Language Commission and the National Language Education and Training Institute are supervised and coordinated under the National Language Division. Furthermore, the ‘Language Call Center’, which operates as a hotline number 1956, which was started in 2012, also operates under the National Language Division.

3.11.1.1 Functions performed by the Division

1. Formulation and implementation of policies, plans related to the effective and efficient implementation of the official language policy
2. Program monitoring and institutional coordination
3. Technical facilitation for programs related to the implementation of the official language policy

3.11.2 Provisions allocated for the National Language Division

S/N	Main activities	Number of physical progress programs/workshops	Allocated provisions	Expenditure from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 (Rs.)
1	Language Planning Facilitation Programme (Conducting 12 workshops islandwide)	12 workshops are scheduled to be held, 09 workshops related to language planning have been held. Mullaitivu, Matara, Mannar, Vavuniya, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Matara (Province), Hambantota (Province) and Galle (Province). Programs are scheduled to be held in Nuwara Eliya, Kalutara and Hambantota.	2,450,000.00	1,432,872.00

2	Official Languages Day & Week	Provisions have been made for 25 districts to implement programs.	4,600,000.00	3,802,750.00
		Official Language Day was held on 2025.07.07 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.		770,651.00
3	Support to improve trilingual service delivery at district level through 25:1 initiative	It is planned to carry out programs for 25 districts. Provisions have been released for carrying out various programs in 12 districts.	6,450,000.00	3,087,000.00
4	Bridging Languages through exchange programme (06 programs)	Provisions have been released to conduct Vavuniya-Galle / Gampaha-Mannar / Kegalle-Kilinochchi programs.	4,100,000.00	3,913,157.00
5	Popular short story translations and disseminations at the grass-root level	Referred for translation.	900,000.00	0
6	Provisions for selected institutional language planning activities at the regional level	Provisions are to be made for 05 projects	1,500,000.00	0
Total			20,000,000.00	13,006,430.00

3.11.3 Implementation of the Official Language Policy (1703)

S/N	Main activities	Number of physical progress programs/workshops	Allocated provisions (Rs.)	Expenditure from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 (Rs.)
1	Developing trilingual skills through speech craft programme	72 bilingual and 05 major public service government institutions are scheduled to be implemented initially	4,040,000.00	-
2	Establish second language clubs at schools jointly with Language circles	Teaching activities are being carried out for 3 months for 120 children in 04 schools (Matale, Jaffna, Batticaloa and Ratnapura districts).	1,200,000.00	1,046,400.00
3	Support administrative documentations at Grama Niladhari levels	The forms have been identified and forwarded for translation.	800,000.00	-
4	Conducting follow-up programs regarding the preparation of language plans (4 workshops)	Anuradhapura has been implemented. It is planned to implement the above program in the districts of Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Badulla, Ratnapura, Colombo, Ampara, Matale, Kurunegala, and Monaragala.	804,000.00	104,993.00
5	Provision of funds to initiate follow-up sessions and programs at provincial centers (North and East)	Northern Provincial Headquarters - Kilinochchi Eastern Provincial Headquarters - Batticaloa	600,000.00	-

6	Providing provisions to reflect the implementation of the official language policy in state institutions at the district and regional levels.	Provisions to be made for 25 districts	2,000,000.00	-
Total			9,444,000.00	1,151,393.00

3.11.4 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.9.2025

Description	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure as at 30.09. 2025.	Financial Progress as at 30.09. 2025. (%)
Provisions allocated for the National Language Sector (2509)	20.00	13.00	65%
Implementation of the State Language Policy (1703)	9.44	1.15	12%
Total	29.44	14.15	48%

3.11.5 Future Plans

1. Implementing the Strategic Framework for the Implementation of the Official Language Policy.
2. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Mechanism (MEL)
3. Strengthening the concept of Speech Craft
4. Ensuring bilingual co-operation opportunities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces through the implementation of Provincial Centres (Kilinochchi and Batticaloa)
5. Providing provisions for the establishment of trilingual nameplates at selected locations at the regional level.
6. Reporting on positive trends in the implementation of the Official Language Policy

3.12 Internal Affairs Unit

3.12.1 Introduction

The Government prioritizes the significance of maintaining the integrity of public officials and establishing a public service devoid of bribery and corruption in Sri Lanka. The introduction of strong anti-corruption measures in the public sector is in line with Sri Lanka's obligation to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and other international anti-corruption conventions in compliance with the Article 156 of the Constitution, the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 09 of 2023, the National Action Plan to Prevent Bribery and Corruption (2025-2029) and other policy objectives of the Government.

Accordingly, as an initiative to combat corruption in the public sector, the Secretary to the President, by Circular No. PS/SB/Circular/2/2025 dated 2025.02.18, has directed to establish Internal Affairs Units (IAU) across all Government Ministries, Departments and Institutions to cultivate a culture that fosters transparency, accountability and integrity in the public sector while ensuring the effective delivery of government services to all citizens. In accordance with the provisions of the said circular, the Internal Affairs Unit has been established in the Ministry of Justice and National Integration.

➤ Composition of the Internal Affairs Unit

Serial No.	Name	Designation	Position in the Internal Affairs Unit
1	Mrs Krishanthi Meegahapola	Additional Secretary (National Integration)	Head of the Unit
2	Mrs. B.D.Y.R. Wimalaratne	Senior Assistant Secretary (Administration)	Integrity Officer
3	Mrs. A. V. Vajira Damayanthi	Senior Assistant Secretary (Administration)	Member
4	Mrs. K.H. Roshini Vilasitha	Senior Assistant Secretary (Legal)	Member
5	Mrs. B.S.C.K. Munasinghe	Director (Engineering)	Member
6	Mrs. A.S.P. Weerasuriya	Director (National Integration)	Member
7	Mrs. T.N. Gunawardena	Chief Accountant	Member
8	Mr. C.N. Lokuhetti	Director (Prison Affairs)	Member
9	Mrs. D.T.N.D. Gammunage	Director (Reforms)	Member
10	Mrs. U.L.M.J. Jayathilaka	Director (Development)	Member
11	Mr. S.M.U.S. Samarakoon	Director (Planning)	Member

➤ **Objectives**

- I. Prevent corruption and develop a culture of integrity within the Ministry.
- II. Ensure transparency and accountability in all activities and ensure public access to information related to institutional activities and decisions.
- III. Promote ethical governance within the Ministry.
- IV. Formulate a safe and accessible mechanism to encourage reporting of misconduct, protect whistleblowers and maintain confidentiality.
- V. Assist in law enforcement in cooperation with law enforcement agencies and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

3.12.1.1 Tasks performed by the Unit

1. Review current procedures and circulars to identify systemic bottlenecks within the organization and simplify them to increase operational efficiency.
2. Conducting corruption risk assessments to identify areas within the organization that are vulnerable to corruption and unethical behavior and take targeted preventive measures.
3. Formulate and implement a corporate integrity action plan that includes specific anti-corruption objectives and strategies tailored to the needs of the organization.
4. Align institutional policies and practices with the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan and ensure compliance with national anti-corruption strategies.
5. Conducting compliance assessments to evaluate the institution's compliance with national and international anti-corruption laws, including the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 09 of 2023 and identifying areas for improvement.
6. Ensure compliance with asset declaration requirements for all public officials and employees and manage conflicts among obligation in accordance with the Bribery or Corruption Commission Regulations and the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023.
7. Establish a secure system for receiving and managing complaints regarding corruption and unethical conduct within institutions, ensuring that all such complaints are dealt with expeditiously by the relevant officers or units and providing regular updates to relevant stakeholders who make inquiries, ensuring transparency and accountability. Referring relevant facts, findings or information to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for investigation under the Anti-Corruption Act, as necessary.
8. Develop and publish a Citizen Charter describing the services provided by the institution.
9. Establish and enforce policies that promote ethical governance including a standardized code of ethics to be adhered to by public officials
10. Taking measures including training and awareness-raising to motivate staff to remain committed to anti-corruption principles.

11. Act as the institutional focal point for the National Anti-Corruption Integrity Assessment ensuring that the institution participates in and aligns with the integrity assessment processes led by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and the National Anti-Corruption Framework.
12. Maintain liaison with the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption to obtain ongoing guidance and support in the performance of the duties of the Unit.
13. Prepare periodic and annual reports summarizing the activities of the Internal Affairs Unit, progress of anti-corruption initiatives, challenges faced and recommendations for future actions.
14. Prepare and implement plans to enhance integrity with the participation of private sector stakeholders.

3.12.2 Performance of the Unit from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

1. So far, 05 complaints have been received by way of letters and WhatsApp messages, which have been referred to the relevant Departments and Institutions for appropriate action based on the decision of the Committee.
2. The Code of Ethics for Ministry staff has been prepared.
3. The Client Charter has been drafted in accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 05/2008 (ii) dated 01.09.2025.
4. The regular meetings and quarterly meetings of the Committee have been successfully conducted.
5. The systemic obstacles in service delivery within the Ministry have been identified and the risk assessment has been carried out.
6. The Integrity Action Plan for the year 2025 has been prepared and implemented. So far, about 50% progress has been achieved.

3.12.3 Future plans

1. To conduct awareness programs for the staff of the Ministry and the Integrity Officers of the Departments and Institutions coming within the purview of the Ministry in the coming quarter.
2. To draft the Integrity Action Plan for the year 2026.

3.13 Investigation Division

3.13.1 Introduction

According to Cabinet Decision No. AMP/24/2341/801/013 dated 2025.01.06, an Investigation Unit was established in February 2025 under this Ministry to ensure accountability of state institutions to the public. This unit is primarily responsible for conducting investigations into matters referred to by the Secretary of the Ministry, concerning the Ministry itself and the departments/institutions under its purview. Through these actions, the Ministry ensures that its services and institutional performance are maintained at high standards in alignment with its goals.

3.13.1.1 Functions

The key functions carried out by this unit can be summarized as follows:

I. Conducting Preliminary Investigations

When incidents or issues relating to officers are referred to the Investigation Unit, preliminary inquiries are conducted depending on the nature of the issue.

If it is revealed that disciplinary action is required against an officer, the relevant disciplinary or administrative authorities will be informed.

II. Handling Public Complaints

Based on the nature of complaints received, the appropriate form of investigation is determined. The unit verifies the accuracy of information, examines issues, and conducts initial inquiries as required.

Matters that do not fall within the purview of the unit are referred to the relevant institutions or authorities.

If disciplinary action is found necessary or if injustices to beneficiaries are identified, corrective measures are recommended.

Proposals or recommendations are forwarded to departmental heads to improve institutional procedures or prevent future violations, followed by a review of implementation progress.

III. Conducting On-site Investigations

With the approval of the Secretary, on-site and surprise inspections are carried out to verify the accuracy of evidence and information related to complaints or allegations, and to uncover necessary information for investigations.

3.13.2 Details of Activities and Future Plans (From 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30)

1. Number of reports/letters received for inquiry or investigation	54
2. Number of preliminary investigations initiated	13
3. Number of files currently under investigation	14
4. Number of files completed after investigations	18
5. Number of files referred to institutional heads with recommendations	06
6. Number of letters referred to other institutions (outside ministry scope)	03

4. INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT COMING UNDER THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

4.1 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

4.1.1 Introduction

Attorney General is the Chief Legal Officer, who appears on behalf of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Honorable Attorney General performs his duties as the Head of the Department and Accounting Officer. Attorney General's Department is an "A" Grade Department and comes under the purview of the Ministry of Justice and National Integration.

Attorney General's Department provides legal assistance to the Central Government, Provincial Councils, Government Departments, Statutory Boards and other Semi Government institutions. Legal officers of the Department mainly provide instructions to the Government and Governmental Institutions on Civil, Criminal, Constitutional and Commercial matters and also represent the Government and Governmental Institutions for the Cases, instituted in the Supreme Court, other Courts and Labor Tribunals in the Island.

Three main Divisions named Civil Division, Criminal Division and State Attorney Division function in relation to Civil and Criminal Cases of the Department and the Establishments Division & Accounts Division have been established to conduct administrative work. In addition to those divisions, Corporation Division, EER unit handle cases that fall under Emergency Regulations and the Prevention of Terrorism Act, Child Abuse Cases division, Immigration & Emigration division, Public Petitions division and Supreme Court division have been established for the effective and efficient functioning of the Attorney General's Department.

4.1.1.1 Key Functions

Functions of the Attorney General's Department may be summarized as follows;

- To provide instructions to the Government and Governmental Institutions on Civil, Criminal, Constitutional and Commercial matters, International legal activities and the matters of the United Nations' Human Rights Commission.
- To represent the Government and Governmental Institutions for the cases, instituted in the Supreme Court, Other Courts & Labour Tribunals in the Island.
- To provide necessary legal advice with regard to enactment of new laws and amendments to the existing laws.

Following Divisions of the Department assist the Legal staff for the performance of the aforesaid duties;

- Criminal Cases Division
- Civil Division
- State Attorney's Division
- Supreme Court Division

- Appeal Court Division
- Corporation Division

Further, for efficient and effective functioning of the Department there are Special divisions that vested with especially recognized responsibilities.

Namely,

- Public Petitions unit. (This Division handles cases regarding public Petitions.)
- Child Protection unit. (This Division has been established to handle cases, regarding child abuses.)

Aforesaid Divisions and units handle main functions of the Attorney General's Department and the Accounts Division, the Establishments Division and the Transport Division have been established for the administrative work of the Attorney General's Department.

4.1.2 Information on obtaining approval for recruitment, recruitments and promotions from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

4.1.2.1 Approval for recruitment from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

- Reviewing of the recruitment procedure of government service for recruiting 32 State Counsel posts has been approved by the Staff Management Committee.

4.1.2.2 Promotions from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 Legal Staff

Serial No.	Name	Post Held	Promoted Post	Promotion Date
01	Mrs.S.D.L.Karunanayake	Senior Deputy Solicitor General	Additional Solicitor General	2025.02.19
02	Mr. M.P.S.S.De Silva	Senior Deputy Solicitor General	Additional Solicitor General	2025.05.11

4.1.3 Details of local and foreign Training Programmes that were provided for Staff

4.1.3.1 Training Programmes that were provided from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 (For Legal Staff)

S. N.	Name of the Programme	Number of staff Trained	Duration of the Programme	Nature of the Programme Local/Foreign
01	Advanced training on Financial Investigations of Wildlife and Forest Crime	02	From 2025.01.15 to 2025.01.17	Foreign
02	04 th APC-Hub Training Session	01	From 2025.06.23 to 2025.06.27	Foreign
03	2025 AGP Annual Meeting and Technical Assistance & Training Forum	01	From 2025.08.25 to 2025.08.29	Foreign

4.1.3.2 Training Programmes that were provided from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 (For Non- Legal Staff)

S. N.	Name of the Programme	Number of staff Trained	Duration of the Programme	Nature of the Programme Local/Foreign
01	Workshop on Responsibility and Role of Administrative Officers	01	From 2025.02.24 to 2025.02.25	Local
02	Workshop on Responsibility and Role of Leave Clerks	02	From 2025.06.23 to 2025.06.24	Local
03	Training on Calculation and Payments of Civil and Pension salaries	03	From 2025.03.17 to 2025.03.18	Local
04	Training on office Management and Financial Regulations	08	From 2025.08.14 to 2025.08.15	Local
05	Procurement Certificate Course	08	From 2025.07.15 to 2025.09.30	Local

4.1.4 Progress from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30 of each division

01. Performance Progress on case files relevant to year 2025

Division	Number of case files remaining as at 2025.01.01 A	Received files from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30			Closed files from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30			Number of files remaining as at 2025.09.30 H = (A+D - G)
		Received from outside B	Opened in the division C	Total D = (B + C) D	no. of files fully closed E	no. of files Finalized in the division and sent to outside F	Total G = (E +F) G	
Crime Division	All court cases are being hearing in the High Court and Magistrate Court.							
Supreme Court Division	2107	38	345	383	171	11	182	2308
State Attorney Division	1023	—	136	136	40	—	40	1119
Corporation Division	6996	—	1633	1633	595	—	595	8034
Appeal Court Division	—	—	1059	1059	—	1059	1059	-
Civil Division	4321	—	906	906	241	—	241	4986

02. Performance Progress on instructions files relevant to year 2025

Division	Number of instruction files remaining as at 2025.01.01 A	Received files from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30			Closed files from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30			Number of files remaining as at 2025.09.30 H = (A+D -G)
		Received from outside B	Opened in the division C	Total D = (B + C)	no. of files fully closed E	no. of files Finalized in the division and sent to outside F	Total G = (E +F)	
Crime Division	7256	2185	–	2185	465	875	1340	8101
Public Petitions Division	1795	–	1202	1202	1067	–	1067	1930
Child Abuse Division	3304	1748	–	1748	1061	–	1061	3991
State Attorney Division	1363	–	374	374	19	136	155	1582
Corporation Division	4733	–	710	710	735	–	735	4708
Appeal Division	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Civil Division	1689	–	695	695	610	–	610	1774

3 Progress of the cases

Division	Category of Court Cases	Cases opened from 01.01.2024 up to 31.12.2024	Concluded Case files from 01.01.2024 up to 31.12.2024	Remaining Case files from 01.01.2024 up to 31.12.2024
Civil Branch	CE/MC	50	08	42
	CA/LT	06	02	04
	CA/MC	02	01	01
	CA/DC	340	01	339
	CA/HC	348	02	346
	CA/CA	1,059	-	1,059
	E	374	117	257
	B	71	42	29
	FC	21	18	03
	CL	131	43	88
	ARB	17	02	15
	C	221	-	221
	CA/NA	229	17	212

	CA/LD	53	12	41
	DA	-	-	-
	CA/FS	-	-	-
	C/DC	04	-	04
	Sub Total	2,926	265	2,661
State Attorney's Branch	Civil Cases	134	07	127
Criminal Branch	Criminal Cases	2,185	845	1,340
Supreme Court Unit	Fundamental Rights	233	08	225
	Writ	64	06	58
	SC SD,	29	15	14
	Contempt of Court	-	-	-
	SC SPLLA	19	-	19
	sub total	2,664	881	1,783
Corporation Division	CA/SC	174	07	167
	CA/CA	479	14	465
	CA/HC	329	05	324
	CA/DC	275	02	273
	CA/MC	-	-	-
	CA/LT	120	04	116
	C/SC	16	-	16
	C/CA	-	-	-
	C/HC	36	01	35
	C/DC	31	02	29
	C/MC	70	16	54
	CA/SCC	14	-	14
	C/SCC	22	-	22
	C/CR/MC	-	-	-
	USAB	8	-	08
	CE/MC	2	01	01
	ARB	60	07	53
	WB	164	21	143
	C	164	28	136
	E	309	98	211
	BCL	40	13	27
	L	10	01	09
	BLA	04	03	01
	CA/LD	05	-	05
	CA/NA	03	-	03
	DAB	05	04	01
	HRC	-	-	-
	CA/RTI	-	-	-
	C/CR	06	-	06
	sub total	2,346	227	2,109
Child Abuse Cases Unit	Child Abuse Cases	1,748	1,061	687
Public Petition Unit	Criminal/Civil	1,202	639	563
Total		10,886	3,073	7,813

4.1.5 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.9.2025

Description	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure as at 30.09. 2025.	Financial Progress as at 30 .09. 2025. (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	2,005.00	1,377.92	69%
Capital Expenditure	65.00	13.58	21%
Total	2,070.00	1,351.50	67%

4.2 LEGAL DRAFTSMAN'S DEPARTMENT

4.2.1 Introduction

The Legal Draftsman's Department is an "A" grade Government Department. The Department functions under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Justice as per the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2187/27 dated 09.08.2020 on subjects and functions of the Ministries.

The main function of the Legal Draftsman's Department is the transformation of the government policies on diverse subjects into legislation in accordance with the Constitution and the decisions approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. In that process of transforming Government policies into legislation, the Department drafts Bills to enact new legislation and to amend existing legislation and revises Subordinate legislation submitted by various Ministries of the Government. The other duties entrusted to this Department include participating to the Parliamentary Select Committee meetings convened to review Bills and carrying out necessary actions while coordinating with the Parliament when Bills are taken up for debate. This Department provides services to all Ministries and Departments of the Government including all State Corporations and Statutory Boards. This Department also provides legal advice to diverse Ministries and Departments of the Government with regard to the drafting of Bills and Subordinate legislation.

4.2.1.1 Key Functions of the Department

1. Drafting Bills in all three languages to enact new legislation and to amend existing legislation.
2. Revision and (where necessary) drafting subordinate legislation in all three languages
3. Attending to Parliamentary duties in connection with the preparation of laws.
4. Drafting Provincial Council Statutes where necessary.
5. Revision and Private Members' Bills (Incorporation Bills) in all three languages.
6. Participating in Committee on proposed legislation, on the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers.

This Department also provides legal advice in respect of drafting Acts subordinate Legislation and Provincial Council Statutes.

The unique feature of this Department is that it does not have a structured work programme of its' own. This is due to the fact that following Cabinet Approval of the prescribed policies, programme of the Department is prepared upon the legislative needs of the Ministries of the Government and various Departments under such Ministries. The performance record of the Legal Draftsman's Department is therefore structured on the basis of the successful completion of the requests made for primary and amending legislation and subordinate legislation submitted to it by the respective line Ministries throughout any particular year. Any form of legislation which belongs to the scope of drafting of legislation, the fundamental function of the Department, shall be completed in all three languages prior to the releasing of such legislation to the requesting Ministry or Department.

4.2.2 Details regarding Approvals for Recruitments, Recruitments, and promotions from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

No.	Post	Approvals for Recruitments	Recruitments	Promotions
01	Deputy Legal Draftsman	03	—	—
02	Senior Assistant Legal Draftsman	12	—	—
03	Assistant Legal Draftsman	07	—	—
04	Translator	08	—	—
05	Documentation assistant (Sinhala)	01	02	—
06	Documentation assistant (Tamil)	04	01	—
07	Documentation assistant (English)	06	01	—
08	Chief Editor	01	—	—
09	Editor (Sinhala)	03	03	—
10	Editor (Tamil)	04	02	—
11	Editor (English)	04	—	—

4.2.3 Details of Local Trainings Provided to Staff from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

No	Name of the programme	No. of officers participated	Duration of the programme	Course Fee (RS)
01	MPhil Programme-University of Colombo	01	During the year 2025	725,000.00
02	Procurement process and Practical usage (18000*3)	03	03 Days	54,000.00
03	New Procurement Guidelines	01	01 Day	18,500.00
04	Capital Development of Administrative officers	01	03 Days	18,000.00

4.2.4 Progress report 2025-01.01.2025-30.09.2025

Performance Report 2025- 01.01.2025 -30.09.2025

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Nature of the duty	The number of requests that were submitted as preliminary or completed Bills, but are awaiting observations of the Attorney-General or other Ministries and Departments as at 01.01.2025 (Balance brought forward)	The number of requests of which the drafting has not been completed as at 01.01.2025 (Balance brought forward)	The number of new requests that were received from parties within this year	The number of requests that have been drafted in three languages in this year and previous years but were further amendments	Total (2+3+4+5)	The number of requests that has been completed in three languages and returned to the relevant parties as at 30.09.2025 (Each instance of final drafts that were completed for three languages for several times and were submitted to the relevant parties are included in this)	The number of files that were closed due to the absence of instructions for a long period of time and upon the instructions of the Ministries and the Cabinet decisions	The number of requests that were submitted as preliminary or completed drafts as at 30.09.2025 but are awaiting observations and instructions of the Attorney-General or other Ministries and Departments.	Total (7+8+9)	The number of requests in which the drafting has not been completed as at 30.09.2025	Progress (As a percentage %) (10)/(6)*100
1 Drafting of Bills (principal Legislation and Amending Legislation)	162	3	58	4	227	24	93	13	76	206	91%
2 Private Members' Bills (Incorporation)	00	0	5	0	*** 5	0	0	01	01	04	20%
3 Revision of Subordinate Legislation	147	42	94	12	295	76	14	160	250	45	85%
4 Provincial council statutes	7	0	1	0	8	0	5	3	8	0	100%
Total	316	45	158	16	535	100	112	253	465	70	87%

*Explanations relevant to the 9th and 11th columns are on the next page

**Only the Bills to enact new legislation and amending legislation are referred directly by this Department

***All of these requests were received on and around 23.09.2025

*Explanation

Column No.(9)- The number of requests that were submitted as preliminary or completed drafts but are awaiting observations and instructions of the Attorney-General or other Ministries and Departments and (II)- The number of requests in respect of which the drafting has not been completed

Among the requests submitted to this Department, most of the requests that have been completed and sent as drafts are submitted with new instructions for further amendments, mainly due to the fact that the Agencies that instruct are constantly changing their policies. When such request is received, even if the draft related to that request has been finalized, this Department has to pay attention to that request and spend time on it as if it were a new request. Requests to make such amendments to completed drafts are made even after the final draft has been sent in all three languages, and sometimes the above procedure has to be repeated several times. For example, the Animal Welfare Bill has been drafted and sent 21 times so far. Therefore, that request is “not a request that has been drafted and finalized” by this Department.

1.Bills (Principal Legislation and Amending Legislation)

Requests for Bills (Principal Legislation and Amending Legislation) which has not been completed are 21. Those requests, that could not be completed by this Department as they were received on or closer to 30.05.2025 or those in respect to which instructions or observations have been received from the Attorney-General, the relevant Ministries, Departments and Institutions on the drafts that have been completed and sent out by this Department or in respect of which Cabinet approval has been received on or closer to 30.09.2025 or requests which are still under discussion.

2.Private Members’ (Incorporation) Bills

There are 04 requests in relation to private Members’(Incorporation) Bills of which the drafting has not been completed by 30.09.2025. Those are requests received on or closer to 23.09.2025.

3.Revision of Subordinate Legislation

There are 45 requests in relation to subordinate legislation of which revision has not been completed. Those are requests of which the instructions or observations were received on or closer to 30.09.2025 and those which are still under discussion

4.Provincial Council Statutes

Revised Bills (English/ Sinhala/ Tamil) in respect of Provincial Council Statutes, have been referred to relevant Provincial Councils. The number of files that are awaiting the observations of the Provincial Councils related to the Bills sent is 10. Due to the absence of any notification from the Provincial Councils and upon the completion of the files,05 files have been closed, while several (03) files have been kept open, as the relevant Provincial Councils have informed that they should be continued.

4.2.5 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025- 30.09.2025

Description	2025 Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 30. 09. 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 30. 09. 20245 (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	220.50	125.40	57%
Capital Expenditure	20.00	2.00	10%
Total	240.50	127.40	53%

4.3 DEPARTMENT OF LAW COMMISSION

4.3.1 Introduction

The Law Commission of Sri Lanka was established under the Law Commission Act No. 03 of 1969, and it is the main government institution which recommends legal reforms. The Department of Law Commission is constituted to extend administrative and research support.

Vision

To promote reform of the Law for good governance.

Mission

Implementation of the functions prescribed in the Law Commission Act No. 03 of 1969 for the promotion of the reform of the law.

4.3.1.1 Key Functions

- i. The codification of Law.
- ii. The elimination of anomalies.
- iii. To take and keep under review the law both substantive and procedural with a view to its systematic development and reform.
- iv. The repeal of obsolete and unnecessary enactments.
- v. The simplification and modernization of the law.
- vi. To receive and consider any proposals for the reform of the law.
- vii. To prepare and submit to the Minister, from time to time, programmes for the examination of different branches of the law with a view to reform.
- viii. To obtain such information as to the legal systems of other countries.
- ix. To keep under constant review the exercise by bodies, other than parliament, of the power to legislate by subsidiary legislation with a view to ensure that they conform to well establish principles and to the rule of law.
- x. To formulate programmes for rationalizing and simplifying legal procedures including procedures of an administrative character connected with litigation.
- xi. To formulate programmes for the codification of the law in Sinhala, Tamil and English.

4.3.2 Training programs attended by officers of the Department of the Law Commission from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30.

No of Officers	No of Programme	Amount (Rs)
13	06	118,753.34

4.3.3 Law Commission of Sri Lanka – Law Reforms Discussed – 2025.08.15 - 2025.09.30

The Law Commission appointed by the President on 15th August 2025 by the President of Sri Lanka.

Reference and date	Name of the Law Reform	Brief Introduction on the Reform	Completed duties during the period and the progress
The Hon. Minister of Justice forwarded the letter No. MOJ/L(1)/523/2021, MOJ/L(1)/547/2023, MOJ/L(1)/370/2023, MOJ/L5/590/2024(SUB)/MOJ/L13/571/2023 dated 26.08.2025 on “Submission of Draft Legislation for Review and Further Action”	1.Prison Administration Bill – L.D.O.6/2015 2. Penal Code(Chapter 19)Strengthening Legal provisions to prohibit sexual harassment and sexual assault.(Supplement dated 04.07.2024) 3.Commission for Truth Unity and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka Bill (Supplement dated 01.01.2024) 4,Amendment to the Primary Court Procedure Act (Supplement dated 26.07.2024) 5. Remission of Sentence Act – L.D.O 62/2024	Draft Bills forwarded to the review of the Law Commission	Appointed a subcommittee to study. (Conducted 1 subcommittee meeting) Appointed a subcommittee to study. (Conducted 1 subcommittee meeting) Appointed a subcommittee to study. (Conducted 1 subcommittee meeting) Appointed a subcommittee to study. (Conducted 1 subcommittee meeting) Appointed a subcommittee to study.

The Chairman and the members of the Law Commission – 09.08.2025 01 st Law Commission meeting	Planning Committee - Programme of Work 2026	To propose the programme of work 2026	Appointed a Planning Committee (Conducted 02 subcommittee meetings)
The Chairman and the members of the Law Commission – 09.08.2025 01 st Law Commission meeting	Call proposals to Law Reforms from the government institutions	Urgent law reforms	Sent letters to Universities, Bar Association and Judicial Service Commission

4.3.3 Financial Progress from.01.01 .2025–30.09.2025

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Description	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs. Million)	Expenditure as at.. 30. 09.2025 (Rs. Million)	Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
Recurring Expenses	24.80	15.47	63%
Capital Expenditure	3.20	0.60	18.8%
Total	28.00	16.07	57%

4.4 GOVERNMENT ANALYST'S DEPARTMENT

4.4.1 Introduction

Having started from a single scientist in 1904, at present, there are about 92 scientific service officers in the field of forensic and food science and Mrs. P.S.K. Rajapaksa has been appointed as the 22nd Government Analyst and K.K. Apsara has been appointed as the 8th Government Examiner of Questioned Documents.

This department is in the field of Forensic and Food science and their service to the nation is of the essence.

➤ **Staff**

Employee category level	Approved number	Current number
Senior level	125	92
Tertiary level	10	4
Secondary level	136	70
Primary level	84	67
Collection	355	233

4.4.1.1 **Key Functions**

The Government Analyst's Department, being the only forensic science laboratory in Sri Lanka, consists of two major divisions namely Food Science and Forensic Science. Food Science Division includes four areas namely Food, Liquor, Milk and Water. Forensic Science Division has nine (09) major disciplines as Forensic Ballistics, Forensic Serology and DNA, Forensic Toxicology, Explosives and Fire Investigation, Narcotic Drugs, Forensic Questioned Documents, Computer Forensic and Forensic Miscellaneous Section.

The Department proves to be a service providing institution in that it provides scientific analytical, advisory and consultancy services. The Government Analyst's Department issues analytical reports upon scientific examination and analysis on productions (evidence) referred to it by the Law Courts, Department of Police, Department of Customs, Department of Excise, Local Government Institutions, Ministry of Health, Port Authority as well as other Government Departments and Statutory Bodies. Further, it carries out analysis to ensure quality of food, liquor, milk, and dairy products with the samples being referred to the Department by the various Government Departments and state sponsored bodies. Additionally, the samples received from the Department of Customs are also analyzed for quality. The Questioned Documents Section prepares analytical reports after examination of the questioned documents forwarded by the Courts of Law.

All productions (evidence samples) submitted for testing are analyzed according to various acts and ordinances such as the Food Act, National Environment Act, Excise Ordinance, Tobacco and Alcohol Act, Cosmetics, Drugs and Devices Act, Control of Pesticides Act, Fire Arms Ordinance, The Explosives Act, Poisons, Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, Motor Traffic Act, Criminal Procedure Code, Civil Proceeding Code, Evidence Ordinance etc.

Moreover, the Department provides investigation and consultancy service to the Police Department for crime scene investigations related to grave crimes such as explosions, shootings, fires and fatal motor traffic accidents in the country. Further scientists in the toxicology section attend for food testing in the missions of foreign VIP delegations in Sri Lanka. In support of scientific reports issued by Government Analyst's Department, officers appear before courts for expert testimony.

The Department also functions as the scientific/technical consultant to other Government Departments and Government sponsored institutions. The contribution by the officers to the Sri Lanka Standard Institute for making standards is an important service. The experts also assist in Technical Evaluation Committees of the Ministry of Defense for purchasing of arms, ammunition and explosive substances for the Ministry of Defense.

Further, Department provides training for Judicial Medical Officers, Police, Scenes of Crime officers, three forces, trainee lawyers of Attorney's General Department and public health inspectors etc, on forensic and food science.

4.4.2. Recruitment in the year 2025

Position		Number of positions	Current situation
1	Typist	03	Employed.
2	Laboratory Technical Service Officer	15	Employed.

4.4.2.1 Promotions made in the year of 2025.

Position		Number of positions
1	Promotion to the Special Grade of the Sri Lanka Scientific Service and appointing to the post of Additional Government Analyst	01
2	Appointing to the post of Deputy Government Analyst	06
3	Appointing to the post of Deputy Government examiner of Questioned Documents	01

4.4.3 Local and foreign training provided to staff

4.4.3.1 Foreign Training

No of programme	No of Officers	Countries where courses were held
10	10	Korea, Newzeland, India, United Kingdom

4.4.3.2 Local Training

Courses	Number of Officers
AI for Transforming Public Service” training program for executive officers of the Ministry	48
A Regional Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Workshop	01
Implement and maintain ISO 17025:2917 Laboratory Management System	02
Laboratory Safety Management	08
Safe Chemical Handling and Risk Management	04
Role of Leave Clerks	01
Office Management and Procedural Rules	02
New Procurement Guidelines	01
Government Finance Regulations	01
GMCP Integrated Training Package	02
Validation Workshop of Collaborative Framework for Evidence Collection at Sea and Chain of Custody Procedures	02
Events related to the Development of a Collaborative Framework for Evidence Collection at Sea and Chain of Custody Procedures in Sri Lanka (Drafting Workshop of a Collaborative Framework on Evidence Collection at Sea and Chain01 of Custody Procedures in Sri Lanka	01
Events related to the Development of a Collaborative Framework for Evidence Collection at Sea and Chain of Custody Procedures in Sri Lanka (Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE) Agencies and Criminal Justice Practitioners on Developing a Collaborative Framework on Evidence Collection at Sea and Chain of Custody Procedures in Sri Lanka)	01
National Consultation Related to Operational Analysis on Drug Seizures	02
KOICA Expert Dispatch and 2nd Local Training Under 'Strengthen Capacity Building Forensic Drug Analysis in the Criminal Justice System in Sri Lanka'	15
Research Manuscript: Identifying Gaps, Incorporating Feedback and finalizing the Manuscript and integral Work place-based research towards innovation	22
GMCP Intergrated training Package to Ensure Legal Finish	02
Regional Forensic Capacity Building for Synthetic Drug Detection & Analysis for South Asia	04

4.4.4 Progress from 01.01.2025-30.09.2025

4.4.4.1. Progress of analysis reports.01.01.2025 . to 30 .09. 2025

Laboratory	No of cases remaining as at 01.01.2025	No. of cases Received	No. of cases Reported	No. of cases not reported as at 30.09.2025
Narcotic, drugs and psychotropic substances	17671	28723	23182	23212
Firearms and Ballistics	571	457	388	640
Explosives & Fire Investigation	352	443	357	438
Forensic Toxicology	2223	2423	1970	2676
Forensic Serology and DNA	4000	1898	1296	4602
Questioned Documents Examination	258	645	538	365
Digital Forensic	1467	884	434	1917
Forensic Miscellaneous – CM	421	882	744	559
Liquor	3228	8259	8815	2672
Liquor & Tobacco	0	2212	2212	0
Samples of Food under Food Act	22	2621	2568	075
Miscellaneous Foods	7	572	558	21
Collection	30,220	50,019	43,062	37,177

4.4.4.2 Other activities

Activity	Number
Number of Court Attendance	233 Days
Number of Crime Scene Visit	356 Days
Number of Holiday Works & After Office Hours	655 days and 413.8 hours
Lecture conducted	26 Days
TEC committee Attendance	54 Day
Local Training	Officer Day 404
Foreign Training	Officer Day 104
Foreign Seminars	-
Officers following MSc in UK	01

4.4.5 Financial progress

Description	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs. million)	Expenditure as on 30.09.2025 (Rs. million)	Financial Progress (%) as of 2025.09.30
Recurring expense	732.40	488.36	67%
Capital expenditure	246.40	55.90	23%
Collection	978.80	544.26	56%

4.5 DEPARTMENT OF DEBT CONCILIATION BOARD

4.5.1 Introduction

The Department of Debt Conciliation Board was established under the Debt Conciliation Ordinance No. 39 of 1941 with the objective of introducing relief measures for the indebted general public to get rid of their indebtedness caused due to the loans they have obtained by providing immovable property such as lands, paddy fields, estates, houses as surety on conditional transfer deeds and mortgage deeds or on secured loans. In addition, the Debt Conciliation (Amendment) Act, No.29 of 1999 has enabled the Board to intervene in respect of conditional transfer deeds executed solely for a loan transaction and thus paving the way to further expansion of its relief process.

The proceedings of this Board are different to that of Ordinary Court of Law. The settlements reached between the parties concerned are arrived at their discretion and not to be considered as implementing the orders of the Board. However, the Board has the powers under the Ordinance to reduce the unreasonable rates of interest charged and to issue a certificate to the debtors in case of failure on the part of the creditors to accept the reasonable suggestions made by the Board. Further, if the creditor's party fail to appear before the Board at the final hearing in response to the notice issued in this respect, an ex-parte hearing would be held and after which a certificate will be issued to the debtor. However, this is followed only if the Board is satisfied based on reasonable grounds that the creditor has intentionally failed to attend the hearing despite the creditor has been informed regarding the same through the registered post or Grama Niladhari, as appropriately. On such instances, the benefit of issuing such certificate goes to the debtor. If this certificate is produced to a Court before which a trial is being held on the same matter, the Court is accorded with the powers under the Debt Conciliation Ordinance to allow a period to a maximum of 10 years for settlement of the loan and to reduce the interest rate to a minimum rate and not to recover any costs of the trial from the debtor.

4.5.1.1 Department of Debt Conciliation Board - Functions

- ❖ This Department mediates as an Institution which provides legal relief on instances when problems arisen with regard to payment of a loans obtained on mortgage or conditional transfer of houses, lands, paddy fields and other agricultural lands as surety or on secured loans. In addition to main board established at the Department there are Branch Boards that have been established at Colombo, Kurunegala, Gampaha, Galle districts. It provides relief measures such as granting extended time periods for loan repayments with the concurrence of both parties and intervening into reduce the interest rate etc.
- ❖ This Department carries out activities relating to sending notices to call applications from the affected parties, hearing of the cases at the Department, forwarding settlement agreements to Land Registry Offices for registration, issuing notifications pertaining to cases.
- ❖ In addition, this Department attends to regular routine activities such as responding to the letters seeking reliefs, purchasing of items and making relevant payments.

- ❖ Action will be taken in 2026 to make the public officers and general public aware on this Department by publicity programmes through media and conducting awareness programmes.

4.5.2 Recruitments during 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

S.N.	Designation	Service	Grade	Salary Code	Approved Cadre	No. of Recruitments
01	Stenographer	Departmental	III	MN-2-2016	06	06

4.5.3 Local/ Foreign Training provided to the Staff

4.5.3.1 Local Training Programmes

- Department of Debt Conciliation Board Conducting Training Programmes for the Officers – 2025

S.N.	Training Programme	No. of Officers	Expenditure
01	Post Graduate Degree on Management	01	225,000/-
02	Training Programme on Salary Conversion	02	26,000/-
03	New Procurement Guidelines	01	13,000/-
04	Personal Files Management	01	18,000/-
05	Office File Management	01	15,000/-
06	Book Binding and Finishing Work	01	40,500/-
07	Government Payroll System	01	18,000/-
08	Functions and Responsibilities of the Clerks assigned with the Duty relating to Leave	01	13,000/-
09	Two Day Workshop on Establishments Code	01	13,000/-
10	Advance MS Excell	06	78,000/-
11	Stores Management, Inventory Handling, Annual Stock Verification & Disposal Procedures	01	13,000/-
12	Formulation of Regulations on Retention and Disposal and Maintaining the Record Room	02	Free
13	Tamil Language Course in terms of PA Circular 18/2020	03	Free
Total		22	472,500/-

4.5.4 Progress from 01.01.2025-30.09.2025

	Main Board	Colombo	Gampaha	Kurunegala	Galle	Total
Number of pending applications brought forward	146	140	377	186	110	959
Number of new applications received	88	72	103	149	107	519
Number of new applications received from Branch Boards	01	0	1	1	0	3
Number of applications received relating to requests for review	10	13	17	45	9	94
Number of applications received relating to requests for recall the cases that had been declared null	02	01	08	23	113	147
Total	247	226	507	404	339	1723
Number of applications that have been settled completely	140	112	215	203	210	880
The Number of remaining Application as of now	107	114	292	201	129	843
Number of applications which have been already settled and called again to make payments	34	11	84	11	14	154
No of Application pending applications (actual number) at the month end	141	125	376	212	143	997

➤ Performance 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

completion of work relating to Applications

Description	No. of Applications
Number of pending applications brought forward as at 01.01.2025	959
Number of new applications received	519
Number of applications received from the Branch Boards	3
Requests for review	95
Requests to recall the cases that had been declared null	147

Total number of Applications	1723
Number of applications that have been settled	255
Number of applications that have been reviewed	49
Number of applications that have been declared null	129
Number of applications that have been referred to Branch Boards	7
Number of applications that have been set aside	6
Number of applications to which certificates have been issued	41
Number of applications removed from the roll	76
Number of withdrawn applications	41
Number of applications in which legal proceedings have been completed in terms of the Orders granted	276
Total number of applications on which action have been taken	880
Number of remaining applications	843
Number of applications that have been called again even though a settlement had been reached	154
Number of pending applications as at 30.09.2025	997

➤ **Submission of Applications on District wise**

District	Number of Applications submitted as at 30.09.2025
Colombo	86
Kalutara	47
Ratnapura	20
Badulla	4
Monaragala	1
Gampaha	103
Galle	60
Matara	35
Hambantota	12
Kurunegala	91
Kegalle	27
Trincomalee	01
Kandy	17
Puttalam	09
Matale	05
Anuradhapura	01
Total	519

4.5.5 Performance of the Branch Boards of the Department of Debt Conciliation Board

Branch Board	Number of cases pending at the Branch Boards as at 30.09.2025	Number of cases received/ rejected and requests for review again from Branch	Number of applications received during the year	1 + 2 + 3	Number of cases to which already attended and consolidated as at 30.09.2025	Number of cases pending as at 30.09.2025	Number of cases that have already been settled and called again to make payments as at 30.09.2025	Number of cases pending as at 30.09.2025	No of cases finished as at 30.09.2025
Main Board	146	13	88	247	140	107	34	141	56%
Colombo Branch Board	140	14	72	226	112	114	11	125	49%
Gampaha Branch Board	377	27	103	507	215	292	84	376	42%
Kurunegala Branch Board	186	69	149	404	203	201	11	212	50%
Galle Branch Board	110	122	107	339	210	129	14	143	61%
Total	959	245	519	1723	880	843	154	997	51%

4.5.6 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Type of Allocation	Allocations for 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.Mn)	%
Recurrent	100.00	50.41	50%
Capital	5.00	0.77	15%
Total	105.00	51.18	49%

4.6 DEPARTMENT OF PRISON

4.6.1 Introduction

Prison commenced as a result of the judicial reforms introduced by Cameron in British Imperialist Era in 1832. Welikada Prison was established compatible with British Bostal System in terms of the Legal and Court Ordinance no. 18 of 1844. By the Prison Act no.16 of 1877, this service was structured and regulated under a separate department directly under control of the Commissioner of the Prisons with the effect from 16th July, 1905. With development of society, this service turns out to be very crucial. As a result, the Bogambara Prison was built in the form of the “Been Field’ Prison in England in 1875. Today, prison that evolved this way has become an essential and specific institute before the complexities of present-day society. Accordingly, prison system consists of 04 closed prisons, 18 remand prisons, 02 correctional centers for young offenders, 10 work camps, 02 open work camps, 23 prison lockups, and 01 prison school, are under the control of Superintendents of Prisons. There are about 35,202 convicted and remand prisoners under prison custody.

Moto - **Custody, Care and Correction**

Vision - Social reintegration of inmates as good citizens through rehabilitation”

Mission

Rehabilitation of Prisoners ensuring their custody and care by building a proper relationship between the prisoners and officials so that the officials gain job satisfaction while the labor productivity of the prisoners to enable the department be self-dependent and utilizing it to augment the development drive of the country and ultimately socializing the prisoners as creative and virtuous skillful citizens.

Goals

1. Contribute to building a civilized society by means of proper rehabilitation of inmates and thereby making inmates law abiding humanitarian persons.
2. Motivate prison officers and building up the team spirit within the department.

4.6.1.1 Functions

1. Under the authority of whatever court in a country, admission of convicted or remand prisoners at all status, provision of their custody, care and maintenance in terms of rules and regulations of the prison and production of remand prisoners to court.
2. Provision of common order and proper administration in relation to all prisons and correctional centers.
3. Provision of technical, agricultural, animal husbandry, and vocational training to inmates in all prisons and correctional centers.
4. Provision of welfare services to all prisons and correctional centers.
5. Making provisions for training to strengthen correctional field.
6. Making a desired social back ground for inmates after rehabilitation and social reintegration as better citizens as timely requirement.

7. Reducing prison congestion, introducing modern technology, improving physical resources and developing infrastructure facilities in relation to carrying out prison reforms.
8. Human resources development in the Department of Prisons to make experienced and satisfied officers through training in different divisions and promotional programs.
9. Establishment and carrying out of Information Management System in order to fulfill administrative activities of inmates correctly and efficiently.

Priorities

Providing custody, care and correction for prisoners.

4.6.2 Staff Information - (From 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)

Approved Cadre	No. of Employed at Present.	Excess No.	No. of Vacancies
7,876	6,328	17	1,565

- ❖ There are 17 excess of Medical Officers and a request has been made to the Management Services Department to approve the cadre of Medical Officers up to 82.

4.6.2.1 Below descriptions in relation to officers from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

➤ Obtaining approval for recruitment.

Designation	Approved cadre	Other Options to be Mentioned
Additional Commissioner General of Prisons	01	As per the cabinet decision no. 403/25/1421/802/004-VIII and dated 11.08.2025
Commissioner of Prisons (Rehabilitation)	01	
Superintendent of Prisons (Special grade)	06	
Superintendent of Prisons	14	
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (male)	Internal - 02	
	External - 10	
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Rehabilitation)	01	
Prison Guard (Male)	Open - 409	
	Limited - 22	
Prison Guard (Female)	Open - 70	
	Limited- 04	
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons (Female)	02	As per the recommendation of the committee appointed by the cabinet with the participation of secretary to prime minister.
Class II Jailer (Male)	120	
Class II Jailer (Female)	15	
Class II Rehabilitation Officer (Male)	22	
Class II Rehabilitation Officer (Female)	06	
Prison Sergeant (Male)	197	
Prison Sergeant (Female)	09	

➤ **Recruitment .**

Designation	No. of Recruited / steps taken to be recruited	Points to be mentioned
Class II Jailer	05	
Class II Jailer (Male))	55	Have published on the gazette dated 29.08.2025
Class II Jailer(Female)	07	
Class II Jailer (Male) - based on merit	28	Applications have been called up.
Class II Jailer (Female) - based on merit	04	
Class II Rehabilitation Officer (Male)	10	Published on gazette on 29.08.2025
Class II Rehabilitation Officer (Female)	03	
Class II Rehabilitation Officer (Male) - Limited	11	Letters have been submitted to obtain approval to conduct examinations
Class II Rehabilitation Officer (Female) - Limited	03	
Class II Rehabilitation Officer (Male)	01	
Prison Guard (Male) - Open	409	has been completed calling applications.
Prison Guard (female) - Open	70	
Prison Guard (male) - limited	22	
Prison Guard (female) - Limited	04	

➤ **Promotions.**

Designation	No. promoted	Other Points to be Mentioned
Superintendent of Prisons	01	As per the letter no. PSC/APP/07/1286/2018 and dated 02.05.2025
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	01	As per the letter no. PSC/APP/08/5/106/2019 and dated 21.07.2025
Class I Rehabilitation Officer (Male)	03	Interview has been held on 09.10.2025
Class I Rehabilitation Officer (Female)	01	
Prison Sergeant (Male) -based on seniority and merit)	225	Applications have been called up
Prison Sergeant (Female) – based on seniority and merit.	12	
Prison Sergeant (Male) - based on written exam	113	Notice for calling up applications has been directed to the Department of Examinations for approval on 12.09.2025
Prison Sergeant (Female) - based on the written exam	06	

4.6.3 Information on Inmates Administration from 01.01.2025 to 30.9.2025

4.6.3.1 No. of inmates convicted by Court of Law -01.01.2025 to 30.08.2025

No. of Inmates Directly Admitted	Male	Female	Total
No. of prisoners convicted by Court of Law	27,998	425	28,423
No. of remand prisoners confined by Court of Law	91,102	4,686	95,788

4.6.3.2 Number of Inmates as at 30.09.2025 [Morning Unlock]

Inmates	Male	Female	Total
Death Sentenced Prisoners (Local)	792	19	811
Death Sentenced Prisoners (Foreign)	05	-	05
Death Sentenced Prisoners (Terrorist)	01	-	01
Life Sentenced Prisoners (Local)	214	24	238
Life Sentenced Prisoners (Foreign)	63	07	70
Life Sentenced Prisoners (Terrorist)	03	-	03
General Prisoners (Local)	8,416	161	8,577
General Prisoners (Foreign)	48	01	49
General Prisoners (Terrorists)	01	-	01
Youthful Offenders	11	-	11
Total number of prisoners	9,554	212	9,766

Prisoners (Appeal)	Male	Female	Total
Death Sentenced Prisoners (Local)	389	06	395
Death Sentenced Prisoners (Foreign)	01	-	01
Death Sentenced Prisoners (Terrorist)	-	-	-
Life Sentenced Prisoners (Local)	80	04	84
Life Sentenced Prisoners (Foreign)	01	-	01
Life Sentenced Prisoners (Terrorist)	03	-	03
General Prisoners (Local)	312	08	320
General Prisoners (Foreign)	-	01	01
General Prisoners (Terrorists)	-	-	-
Total number of prisoners who appealed	786	19	805

Remand Prisoners	Male	Female	Total
Remand Prisoners (Local)	23,201	1,262	24,463
Remand Prisoners (Foreign)	101	28	129
Remand Prisoners (Terrorist)	39	-	39
Total no. of Prisoners	23,341	1,290	24,631
Total Number of Prisoners	Male	Female	Total
Total Convicted Prisoners	10,340	231	10,571
Total Remand Prisoners	23,341	1,290	24,631
Total	33,681	1,521	35,202

4.6.3.3 No. of Inmates as at the last day of each month -Morning Unlock**(from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)**

Month	Convicted		Remand	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
January	9,392	206	18,309	1,036
February	9,392	212	18,957	1,014
March	9,091	215	19,608	1,043
April	9,130	212	19,093	1,056
May	9,059	199	19,975	1,059
June	9,700	209	21,919	1,116
July	10,077	213	21,854	1,157
August	10,114	222	22,453	1,235
September	10,340	231	23,341	1,290
Total	86,295	1,919	185,509	10,006

4.6.3.4. Details on convicted/ remand prisoners who died while in custody- 2025

Prisoners	Male	Female	Total
General Prisoners	62	1	63
Life Sentenced Prisoners	6	-	6
Death Sentenced Prisoners	19	-	19
Remand Prisoners	95	4	99
Total	182	5	187

4.6.3.5. No. of Convicted & Remand Prisoners escaped/ Rids off while in custody from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025**➤ No. of Prisoners Escaped While in Custody.**

Place	No. of Inmates
While in the Hospital	06
From Prison	09
While in escort	02
From Court	02
Total	19

➤ No. of Prisoners Rids Off While in Custody -

Place	No. of prisoners
While at home holiday	01
While engaging in camp service	40
While at Shramadhana	44
Total	85

➤ **No. of Remand Prisoners Escaped while in Custody.**

Place	No. of Inmates
While At Hospital	18
From Prison	-
While in Court	12
While in Escort	05
Total	35

➤ No. of remand/convicted inmates escaped /rids off while in custody - 139

➤ No. of inmates recaptured - 13

4.6.3.6. Releases from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Releases	Total
General Amnesty	-
On behalf of Independent Day	253
On behalf of Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	353
On behalf of Poson Full Moon Poya Day	-
On behalf of Prisoners Day on	-
President Special Pardon	-

4.6.3.7 No. of inmates released on home leave and licenses on board from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

➤ No. of inmates sent home leave - 131

4.5.4 Progress of Development Projects - (from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)

Vote No.	Project	Total Cost Estimation (TEC) (R.M.)	Consultancy	Contractor	Accumulated Expenses as of 31.12.2024 (Rs. M)	Allocation for 2025 (Rs.M)	Expenditure upto 30.09.2025 (Rs. M)	Physical Report
1-2104	Construction of Palkelele Prison Complex- Agreement no.- 11,12,13	4363.6	Engineering Consultant (PVT) Ltd	State Engineering Corporation	2,535.07	450.00	63.12	Agreement no.- 11 – 100%
								Agreement no - 12 – 70%
								Agreement no - 13 – 1%

4-2104	Construction of Building at Mahara Prison	-	-	-	-	220.00	9.21	80%
2104-1	Construction of Barracks at Vavuniya Prison	10.00	-	-	4.139	10.00	4.87	100%
2104-2	Construction of necessary toilet system for barracks at Vavuniya Prison	10.00	-	-	2.734	10.00	1.37	100%
2104-3	Construction of buildings at Pallansena Quarantine Center.	135.00	National Buildings Research Institute	NES A Builders	109.636	10.00	1.34	99%
2104-4	Construction of the turret and water tank at Wariyapola Prison	9.99	-	-	-	10.00	1.33	95%
2104-5	Construction of turret at Anuradhapura Prison	5.51	-	-	0.273	10.00	2.24	98%
2104-6	Construction of the prison lock up at Gampola Prison	9.00	-	-	7.565	3.00	0.79	90%
2104-7	Construction of visitors building at Wariyapola Prison	9.93	-	-	-	1.5	-	5%
2104-8	Construction of barracks at Badulla Prison	9.90	-	-	-	10.00	-	5%
2104-9	Preparation of lands as required for agricultural activities at Anuradhapura Prison.	1.00	-	-	-	1.00	0.89	100%
2104-10	Preparation of lands as required for agricultural activities at Pallekele Open Prison Camp.	-	-	-	-	6.5	-	5%
2104-11	Preparation of lands as required for agricultural activities at Weeravila Open Work Camp.	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	5%
2104-12	Preparation of lands as required for agricultural activities at Pallansena Correctional Center for Young Offenders.	-	-	-	-	1.00	-	100%

2104-13	Construction of the turret at Wariyapola Prison	9.90	-	-	-	10.00	-	95%
2104-14	Construction of the turret at Anuradhapura Prison	6.00	-	-	-	6.00	-	20%
2104-15	Construction of barracks for officers at Pallansena Prison	9.80	-	-	-	10.00	-	5%
2104-16	Construction of the visitors building at Trincomali Prison	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	5%
2104-17	Construction of rest rooms for sergeants and jailors at Monaragala Prison	-	-	-	-	6.00	-	5%
2104-18	Construction of rest rooms at Trincomali Prison	-	-	-	-	7.00	-	5%
2104-19	Construction of the building for officers and visitors at Vavuniya Prison	-	-	-	-	8.00	-	5%
2104-20	Renovation of buildings required for rehabilitation of inmates at Kandewatta Work Camp and other prisons.	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	25%
2104-21	Building toilets for SPEAT FORCE Barracks	-	-	-	-	2.00	-	80%
2104-22	Construction of the turret at Boossa Prison	-	-	-	-	5.5	0.079	85%
15 - 2001	Improvement of required toilets facilities for inmates.	1296.16	-	-	119.83	400.00	21.50	21%
11-2509	Construction of a center for rehabilitation of drug addicts inmates by means of agricultural and vocational training at Weeravila Work Camp	250.00	-	-	75.59	30.00	4.83	90%

4.6.5 Supply and Services Progress – 01.01.2025 – 30.09.2025

Vote no. and name	Allocation for 2025 (Rs. M)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.M)	Expenditure as a % of Allocation.
2001 – Building rennovation	200.00	65.67	32.83%
2101 – Purchasing vehicles	1000.00	-	-
2002 – Renovation of machines and machinary Equipments	100.00	1.59	1.59%
2003 – Vehicles improvements	120.00	47.98	39.98%
2102- Purchaing frniture and office equipments	1200.00	47.86	7%
2103– Purchasing machines and machinary equipments	150.00	19.51	13%

4.6.6 Human Resouces Development (Vote no. - 2401)- 01.01.2025. – 30.09.2025.

Projects	Allocation for 2025 (Rs.) M	Eependiture as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.) M	No. of officers got trained	Expendit ure as a % of Allocatio n.
Local and foreign training	22.00	4.16	413	19

4.6.7 Inmates Vocational Training Programs (Vote - 08-2509)

Allocation for 2025 (Rs.M)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (RS.M)	No. of completed training programs	No. of inmates participated	Expenditure as a % of Allocation.
10.00	3.89	125	4697	38.89

4.6.8 Inmates Skills Improvement (Vote no. - 16-2509)

Allocation for 2025 (Rs.M)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (RS.M)	No. of started training programs	No. of Inmates participated	Expenditure as a % of Allocation.
100.00	1.56	84	3054	1.56

➤ Releases on license on board - 60

4.6.9 Programs Done By the Prison Information Communication Technological Section from 01.01.2025. to 30.09. 2025.

Projects	Allocation of 2025 (Rs.M.)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.M)	Expenditure as a % of Allocation.
Software Development	105.00	-	-

4.6.10 Agriculture and Industrial Advance Account

Limitation for the Year 2025 (Rs.M.)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.M.)	Income as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.M.)
Maximum expenditure limit - 250	114.65	-
Minimum Receipts limit - 275	-	269.39

4.6.11 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	2025 Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 30. 09. 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 30. 09. 2025 (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	15,773.00	10,170.00	64%
Capital Expenditure	4,607.00	341.00	7%
Total	20,340.00	10,511.00	51%

4.7 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS

4.7.1 Introduction

The Community-Based Corrections process in Sri Lanka was officially implemented as a pilot project under the Ministry of Justice in 1999. The process is empowered by adequate legal provisions provided through the Community Based Corrections Act, No. 46 of 1999. Although the pilot project initially operated in three main Magistrate Courts, it has now expanded to cover the entire country, including 125 Magistrate Courts and Circuit Courts.

In addition to serving as a productive alternative to prison overcrowding, the Community Based Corrections process offers several socio-economic benefits. These include reducing the government's expenditure on inmate maintenance, preventing minor offenders from associating with influential organized criminals in prisons, and introducing modern rehabilitation approaches and strategies to Sri Lanka's contemporary correctional context.

The focus of the Community Based Corrections process is to eliminate deviant behavior without isolating individuals from their natural environment, guiding them instead to become responsible and law-abiding citizens. To achieve this objective, Community Based Officers attached to the Magistrate Courts and Development Officers (Community Corrections) at Divisional Secretariat Offices design effective correctional and social development programs aimed at improving offenders' living standards.

The department's mission is to create lawful citizens through the implementation of various programs such as counseling, drug treatment, personality and attitude development, education and vocational training, as well as recreational and sports activities.

Even after offenders successfully complete their Community Based Correction orders, comprehensive aftercare supervision continues under the guidance of Community Corrections Officers, Work Supervisors, and Development Officers (Community Corrections) until the offenders have developed essential life skills and stability.

4.7.1.1 Core tasks undertaking by the department.

01. Enforcing CBC orders given by the magistrate courts and ensuring the conditions are successfully completed by the offenders.
02. Organizing counseling programs to develop offender's mental health.
03. Facilitating substance abused offenders to seeking medication.
04. Organizing spiritual development Programs and drug treatment programs.
05. Implementing Attitude development and personality development programs.
06. Introducing vocational training programs in order to enhance potentials and living conditions of offenders.
07. Organizing special development projects for offenders to empower them economically.

4.7.2 Details about recruitments (from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)

Position	Number of approved positions for recruitment	Progress of the Recruitment
Senior Community Correction Officer	1	
Community Correction Officer	13	The interviews have been completed. The recruitment for 05 limited positions has been suspended by the Ministry of Justice. For the 08 open positions, the certificates of the top 20 applicants who scored the highest in the interviews have been sent to the issuing relevant institutions for verification.
	3	After the above 13 positions are filled, a new gazette will be issued to recruit for these 3 positions.
Work Supervisor	13	The recruitment notice in the gazette scheduled to be published on 2025.10.10 has been submitted to the Department of Government Printing for publication.

4.7.3 Details on Staff Training Programs (Local) Developing the capacities of officials

Training details	Annual target	Number of officers trained from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30
Attitude Development and Leadership Development Training Program (Officers at the Head Office)	50 officers	-
Creative Psycho Therapy and Yoga Training Group Activities (Development officers from North Western/North Central & Southern Provinces)	180 officers	41 officers
Computer literacy training program (for selected officers in the Western, North Central, Northern, Eastern provinces and the Head Office)	65 officers	
Training programs on Evidence-Based Treatment and prevention methods for substance abuse offenders (for Community Corrections Officers, Development Officers & Work Supervisors from North Western, North Central & Western Provinces)	200 officers	278 officers

Training of trainers (ToT) on “Theatre for Corrections”. (selected Community Corrections Officers, Development Officers and Work Supervisors from 09 provinces.	90 officers	225 officers
Training program on the “Importance of the Contemporary Community Based Proses and It’s Modern Trends” (for Community Corrections Officers, Development Officers and Work Supervisors officers, development officers in the Eastern Province)	85 officers	45 officers
12-Step Training Program -Help Substance Abused offenders to Recover (Work Supervisors from 09 Provinces)	115 officers	74 officers
Enhance Officer’s Subject-Related Knowledge (Postgraduate/Diploma)		6 officers
Other Training Programs – Newly appointed Officer Trainings (Officers of 09 Provinces)		515 officers

4.7.4 Performance from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

4.7.4.1 Number of Offenders received - by province

Province	Annual target	Number of offenders (2025.01.01- 2025.09.30)	Progress as a percentage (%)
Western	4,200	4,696	100
Central	1,200	936	78
Uwa	1,200	803	66.9
Southern	1,800	1,726	95.8
Sabaragamuwa	1,500	1,229	81.9
Eastern	1,400	1,185	84.6
North Western	1,800	1,427	79.2
North Central	800	449	56.1
Northern	2,100	1,830	87.1
Total	16,000	14,281	89.2

4.7.4.2 Details of Correction Orders (From 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30)

Annual target	The target by 30th September 2025	Number of orders received	Successfully completed orders	Number of Breaches	Number of ongoing orders
16,000	10,672	14,281	4,578	1,886	7,817
		100%	32%	13%	55%

4.7.4.3 Details of orders received in previous years and not being completed in those years, which will be processed in 2025 (2018-2024)

Number of orders received(Number of orders brought forward from 31.12.2024)	Successfully completed orders by 30.09.2025	Number of breaches by 30.09.2025	Number of ongoing orders by 30.09.2025
8,407	4,287	1,741	2,379
100%	51%	21%	28%

4.7.4.4 Details of overall CBC orders effective in 2025

Year	Successfully completed orders	Number of breaches	Number of ongoing orders	Total
2025	4,578	1,886	7,817	14,281
Before the year 2025	4,287	1,741	2,379	8,407
Total	8,865	3,627	10,196	22,688

4.7.4.5 Provincial summary of pending orders (Cases brought forward to 2025)

Progress as of 2025.09.30

Cases brought forward to 01.01.2025		Progress to 30.09.2025		
Province	Total number of orders brought forward to 2025	Successfully completed orders	Number of breaches	Number of ongoing orders
Western	1755	759	818	178
Central	707	461	160	86
Uwa	1149	632	90	427
southern	900	506	82	312
Sabaragamuwa	490	302	108	80
Eastern	623	340	14	269
North Western	504	375	93	36

North Central	414	254	65	95
Northern	1865	658	311	896
Total	8407	4,287	1,741	2,379

4.7.5 Progress of Projects Implementation

Establishment of a residential rehabilitation center for individuals who have received orders related to drugs

A plot of land (1.3289 hectares) located at Kekirawa Medawewa Vidyalaya has been handed over to the department for the establishment of a residential treatment center.

The project proposal for establishing a residential rehabilitation center has been submitted to the National Planning Department and approved, and further work is underway.

Implementing projects for livelihood development, economic and social empowerment

The annual target for implementing self-employment projects through departmental funds is 100 projects, and 73 projects have been completed as of 30.09.2025.

4.7.6 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	Provisions for the year 2025 (LKR Mn)	Expense as of 30.09.2025 (LKR Mn)	Financial progress (%) as of 30.09.2025
Recurrent expenses	780.50	585.36	75%
Preliminary expenses	24.00	6.58	27%
Total	804.50	591.95	73%

4.8 Department of Official language

4.8.1 Introduction

The Department of Official Languages was established on 01.10.1956 as the institution that implements the Official Languages Act No.33 of 1956. Under the 13th and 16th Amendments to the Constitution respectively in 1987 and 1988, Sinhala and Tamil were recognized as the official languages of Sri Lanka, and English as the link language. This Department performs an extensive task as the facilitator for the effective implementation of the Official Languages Policy as per Articles 18 and 19 of Chapter IV of the Constitution.

The scope of this Department is to ensure the provision of services to the public in the language of their choice. For this purpose, the Department of Official Languages performs functions such as providing translation services to meet the requirements of the government, improving the language skills of public officers, assessing their language proficiency, compiling glossaries, compiling language textbooks and dictionaries, planning language promotion programmes with the aim to create a society with advanced language skills and providing the opportunities to facilitate tasks with the use of modern technology. The Department is currently governed by the Ministry of Justice and National Integration, and headed by the Commissioner General of Official Languages.

In line with the government's national policy framework, "A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life", and based on the concept of "The Sri Lankan Nation – A Global Citizen", the action plan of this Department has been developed with the objectives of implementing the Official Languages Policy, thereby enabling all citizens to access services in the language of their choice, and conducting research into the development of AI-powered multilingual communication systems for use in government institutions and public spaces, with the aim of minimizing language barriers among Sri Lanka's diverse ethnic communities. At present, the Department of Official Languages functions under the purview of the Ministry of Justice and National Integration and is headed by the Commissioner General of Official Languages.

Vision

"A peaceful trilingual society enriched with co-existence"

Mission

To facilitate and coordinate the effective implementation of the Official Languages Policy with the objective of achieving inter-ethnic peace and harmony.

Objective

Implementation of programmes for upholding and promotion of the Official Languages Policy

4.8.1.1 Key Functions of the Department

1. Providing translation services to government and semi-government institutions (Sinhala, Tamil, and English).
2. Compiling Sinhala, Tamil, and English glossaries for various subjects.
3. Conducting the National Language Qualification (NLQ) examination.
4. Conducting Sinhala and Tamil language courses island-wide for government officers who are required to obtain official language proficiency as per Public Administration Circular No.18/2020.
5. Conducting Sinhala and Tamil language courses island-wide for semi-government officers who are required to obtain official language proficiency as per Management Services Circular No.1/2023.
6. Teaching foreign languages including Sinhala, Tamil, and English by using modern technology, and conducting examinations.
7. Compilation and sale of Departmental textbooks, support materials and CDs relevant to acquiring official languages' proficiency as well as promoting language learning.
8. Preparation of question papers, marking answer sheets and organizing recruitment and language proficiency examinations conducted for the staff of the Department as well as external institutions.
9. Facilitating the conducting of language courses at the request of external institutions.
10. Conducting religious co-existence programmes by offering language courses to clergy of different religions.
11. Providing practical training to students following translation courses at universities and recognized educational institutions.

4.8.2 Information on recruitment approvals, recruitments and promotions from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

S/ N	Designation	Number of Posts	Date of Approval	Other Information and Current Status
01	Commissioner of Official Languages (Departmental), Assistant Commissioner (Departmental)	02	Approval has been granted for recruitment in accordance	The approval of the Secretary of the Public Service Commission has been granted, subject to amendments to the scheme of recruitment.
02	Superintendent of Languages (Translations) – Departmental	03	with the Cabinet decision dated 11.08.2025 vide letter dated 21.08.2025.	This designation has been forwarded to the Department of Management Services to be revised separately as Superintendent of Translations (Sinhala-English, Tamil-English and Sinhala-Tamil) on the recommendation of the Director General of Establishments (2025.02.25 /EST - 2/03/REC/6414).

03	Superintendent of Languages (Departmental)	08		This scheme of recruitment has been referred to the Ministry of Justice and further information has been requested for its referral to the Public Service Commission. Relevant information is being gathered.
04	Translator (Departmental)	17		A gazette notification was published on 26.09.2025 for the recruitment of 17 posts(The application closing date is 28.10.2025). The examination will be held in November 2025.
05	Technical Assistant(Departme ntal)	01		The scheme of recruitment has been forwarded to the Public Service Commission for approval. (29.08.2025)
Promotion Scheme				
06	Female Typist (Tamil)– (Departmental)	01		A letter dated 23.04.2025 was issued by the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, requesting the formulation of a promotion scheme for the appointment of directly recruited officers of the Presidential Secretariat to government positions. Accordingly, this designation has been forwarded to the Department of Management Services for approval according to F.R. 71.

4.8.3 Details of local and foreign training opportunities for the staff

Number of Programmes	Number of Officers	Allocations (Rs)
17	31	374,500.00

4.8.4 Performance in 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

➤ Implementation of the Official Languages Policy (1703)

Thrust Area	Allocated provisions (Rs. M.)	Actual expenditure	Physical progress %
1. Ensuring the delivery of an efficient translation service as the Official Translator of the government.	2.75	1.22	64%

2. Compiling bilingual/trilingual glossaries as the official body of compiling glossaries.	0.6	0.15	70%
3. Upgrading the language proficiency of government officers in order to protect the right of the public to obtain services in a language of their choice, i.e., Sinhala, Tamil, and English.	41.26	14.09	59%
4. Facilitating the promotion, learning and use of the official languages by utilizing modern technology.	5.39	1.04	81%
Total	50	16.50	64%

4.8.5 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Type of provision	Allocation for the Year 2025 (Rs.Min)	Expenditure as of 30.09.2025 (Rs.Min)	Financial Progress as of 30.09.2025 (%)
Recurring Expenditure	211.00	109.38	51.84%
Capital Expenditure	13.00	4.03	31.03%
Total	224.00	113.41	50.63%

4.9 MEDIATION BOARDS COMMISSION

4.9.1 Introduction

- The Mediation Boards Commission was established by the operation of the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988.
- Being a dispute resolution mechanisms alternative to litigation to ease the judicial process, the Mediation Boards operates at the Divisional Secretariat level.
- With the community inclination towards the Mediation Boards system as an convenient and low-cost mechanism to resolve their own disputes, nearly two hundred thousand disputes are referred to Mediation Boards every year.

Vision

Reconciliation and social cohesion through mediation

Mission

Promoting an efficient alternative dispute resolution mechanism for the Sri Lankan community

Objective

Formulating necessary legal framework for incorporation of Mediation Boards which are empowered to resolve disputes referred by the parties or in some instances by the court, through mediation process.

4.9.1.1 Institutional Framework and Role of Mediation Programme

Institutionally, the implementation of the decisions of the Mediation Boards Commission, financial and administrative affairs and making legislation are carried out by the Ministry of Justice, and the **Mediation Board Commission**, which consists of five members including the Chairman, performs the tasks of appointment, transfer, dismissal, disciplinary control and supervision.

Also, for the institutional work of the Mediation Boards Commission, 366 officers, including Secretaries, Administrative Officers, Mediation Training Officers, Mediation Program Officers, Mediation Development Officers, Management Service Officers and Office Assistants are attached to the Head Office as well as at the District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariat level throughout the island. 19 Mediation Training Officers at the district level and 27 Mediation Program Officers and 292 Mediation Development Officers at the District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariat level have been appointed to promotion and supervision of mediation process including training. They in addition to their ongoing community awareness and promotion programs, are running programs to update mediators' awareness. Apart from this, they are currently working to establish school mediation units to resolve disputes between students within the school system itself.

According to the action plan of the Mediation Boards Commission, the main tasks to be carried out include publication in the gazette of the names of the Mediation Boards, whose term expired, conducting interviews, conducting training workshops and appointing mediators and educating the community about mediation.

4.9.2 Progress

I. Community Mediation Boards

There are currently 329 Community Mediation Boards (about 8500 Community Mediators) functioning at the Divisional Secretariat level in all 25 Districts.

- I. The new Divisional Secretary's Divisions were established by revising the existing Divisional Secretary's Divisions in respect of administrative districts of **Mullaitivu, NuwaraEliya, Galle and Ratnapura** by the publication of Extraordinary Gazette No. 12811 dated 17.05.2013 and No. 2147/28 dated 29.10.2019 are announced as Mediation Boards areas. Among the nine new divisions - Kalthota, Waduramba, Madampagama, Rathgama, Welimbaya, Norwood, Talawakele, Nildandahinna and Kothmale (West)-mediator appointments have already been made for the Waduramba Community Mediation Board, while the establishment of boards in the remaining eight divisions is in progress. When recruiting for Community Mediation Boards, the minimum age limit of the new nominees, excluding currently serving mediators, must be over 35 years and must have passed G.E.C. (O/L) or equivalent educational qualification

II. Special (Land) Mediation Boards

Since a significant number of land disputes based on public and private land have risen in our country, the Ministry of Justice has taken steps to establish Special (Land) Mediation Boards throughout the country to strategically focus on these land disputes and facilitate an amicable settlement. These Boards are established under the Special Mediation Boards Act, No. 21 of 2003, at district level.

Currently, 16 Boards are functioning at the district level in 16 districts (473 mediators at the district level). Interviews have been conducted to establish nine new Special (Land) Mediation Boards in the Kalutara, Matale, NuwaraEliya, Galle, Matara, Kegalle, Puttalam, Badulla and Monaragala districts and necessary further actions are currently being carried out.

A person who is eligible to be appointed as a mediator must be above 35 years of age and below 70 years of age. And must be a person who has served or is serving as an officer in the public service with professional qualifications obtained from a recognized professional body established under any written law.

In addition, Section 11 (F) of the (Special Categories of Disputes) Act, No. 21 of 2003 provides for Land Mediation Boards to seek technical and other advice from experts in land-related subjects on issues arising. Accordingly, an expert committee consisting of three experts has been appointed as indicated below.

- An officer with expertise in land
- An officer with expertise in surveying
- A lawyer.

III. Special (Commercial) Mediation Boards

Disputes related to financial transactions are common in our country. Some of these are unpaid loans from banks and small credit projects, unpaid fees related to leases and rentals, non-payment of dues related to consumption and credit cards, non-payments related to transactions without proper management, such as cheetah and personal loans.

To focus strategically on these financial disputes and facilitate an amicable settlement, the Ministry of Justice has taken steps to establish Special Mediation Boards (Financial) across the *ජූර්මය*. This has been established at the district level under the Special Mediation Boards Act No. 21 of 2003.

Therefore, in the first phase, 06 Financial Mediation Boards were approved for establishment in the districts of **Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy, Monaragala, Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura**. Among these, Kandy, Colombo and Polonnaruwa districts Financial Mediation Boards are currently operating and the recruitment and appointments for the remaining districts are in progress.

A person who is eligible to be appointed as a mediator must be above 35 years and below 70 years of age and an officer who holds or has held government office at the level of a staff officer for a continuous period of at least 05 years or a person who holds or has held a senior managerial position in a private sector, non-governmental organization, bank or corporation or must have obtained a professional or educational qualification from a recognized professional or higher education authority established by or under any written law.

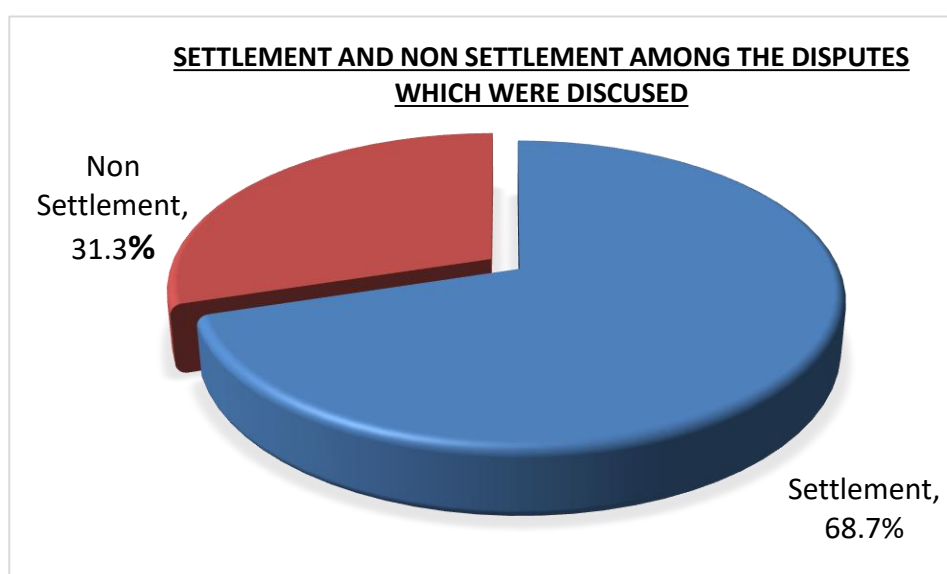
4.9.3 Local Training Provided to Staff

Number of Programmes	Number of Officers
07	21

4.9.4 Progress from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

4.9.4.1 Mediation Boards Commission (Community Mediation Boards) Progress from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

Number of disputes which are Pending at the start of 2025			45,485
Number of disputes received from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025			116,122
Total			161,607
Number of disputes discussed and settled		44,432	
Number of disputes discussed and not settled		20,199	
Number of disputes discussed		64,631	
Percentage of settled disputes from the disputes discussed (%)	68.7%		
Number of disputes not settled due to the absent of disputers		<u>53,384</u>	
Number of disputes refused		903	
Number of disputes withdrawn		2,329	
Number of disputes which are finalized			121,247
Number of disputes to be discussed as of 01.10.2025			40,360



4.9.4.2 Progress from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30 (Community Mediation Boards)

Description	Number of Disputes
Number of disputes which are Pending at the start of 2025	45,485
Number of disputes received from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025	116,122
Total	161,607
Number of disputes discussed (from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30)	64,631
Number of disputes discussed and settled	44,432
Percentage of settled disputes from the disputes discussed (%)	68.7%

4.9.4.3 Categories of parties who referred disputes during the period form 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Category of Parties in terms of which Disputes are referred	Number of Disputes Received	Number of Disputes Discussed	Number of Disputes Settled	Percentage of Disputes Referred
Courts	12,858	8,322	5,632	8.0%
Police Stations	33,672	15,486	11,834	20.8%
Banks/ Financial Institutes	102,146	34,409	24,403	63.2%
Disputants	11,322	5,592	2,214	7.0%
Other	1,609	822	349	1.0%
Total	161,607	64,631	44,432	

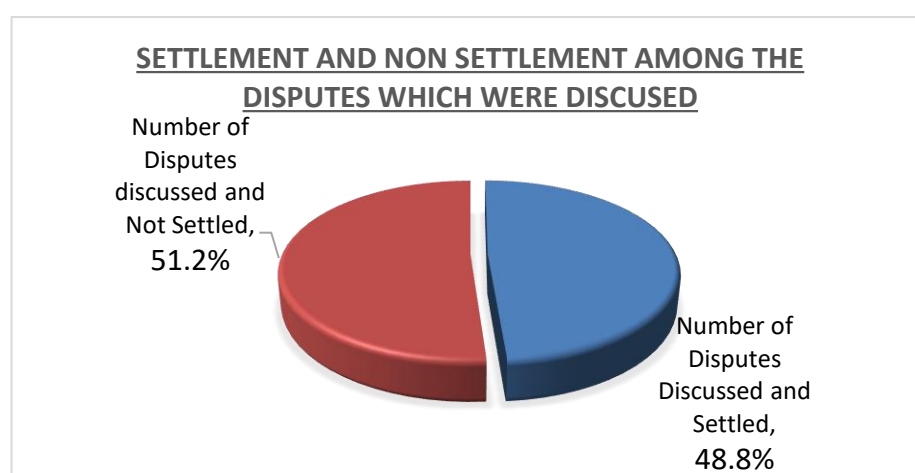
4.9.4.4 Disputes referred by Provinces from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

Province	Number of Disputes Received	Number of Disputes discussed	Number of Disputes Settled	Percentage (%)
Western	20,094	10,728	6,775	12.4%
Central	23,622	9,112	6,065	14.6%
Southern	24,319	8,845	6,906	15.0%
North-Western	25,189	9,606	6,611	15.6%
North Central	18,050	6,883	4,737	11.2%
Uva	14,894	5,902	3,954	9.2%
Sabaragamuwa	12,584	4,819	3,371	7.8%
Eastern	13,633	5,199	3,578	8.4%
Northern	9,222	3,537	2,435	5.7%
Total	161,607	64,631	44,432	

(As per information Received as at 30.09.2025)

4.9.5 Mediation Boards Commission (Special (Land) Mediation Boards) Progress from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

Number of disputes which are Pending at the start of 2025			764
Number of disputes received from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025			506
Total			1,270
Number of disputes discussed and settled		239	
Number of disputes discussed and not settled		250	
Number of disputes discussed		489	
Percentage of settled disputes from the disputes discussed (%)	48.88%		
Number of disputes not settled due to the absent of disputers		<u>367</u>	
Number of disputes refused		39	
Number of disputes withdrawn		41	
Number of disputes which are finalized			936
Number of disputes to be discussed as of 01.10.2025			334



4.9.6 Other information

Progress of gazetting mediation boards, conducting interview, conducting five day training programmes and giving appointments – From 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

S/N	Discription	Expected number of mediation boards according to the action	The number of mediation boards that could be done	Progress
1	Gazetting of the mediation boards at the end of the term	34	34	100%
2	Conducting of Interview	55	32	58%
3	Granting Appointments	62	66	100%
4	Conducting training programs	180	98	54%

4.9.6.1 Progress of School/Community mediation workshops from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

S/N	Program type	Number of programs conducted
1	One day school mediation workshops	1,663
2	One day community mediation workshops	5,200
3	One day program for Government Officers	642
4	Programs conducted online	01
Total		7,506

*- Information regarding the progress of these workshops is obtained from the field officers in the District/Divisional Secretariats and the number of programs has been reported based on the information submitted by those officers as at 10.10.2025. Accordingly, there is a possibility that this number of programs could be higher.

4.9.7 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

S/N	Description		Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs.m)	Expenditure as at 2025.09.30 (Rs.m)	Financial progress as at 2025.09.30
1	Recurrent expenditure		913	443.238	48.81%
2	Capital expenditure	Domestic Funds	6	0.228	3.81%
		Foreign Capital and Foreign Financing Related Costs	221.5	*	
Total			1,140.5	443.466	39

(Expenditure report for September not yet received)

*-Expenditure incurred under the Strengthening Transformation, Reconciliation and Inclusive Democratic Engagement (STRIDE) project are not reported to the Mediation Boards Commission.

4.10 TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR NON JUDICIAL OFFICERS

4.10.1 Introduction

The competence and professional qualities of the judicial staff are essential for the proper functioning of the judicial system in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, the Non-Judicial Officers Training Institute coming within the purview of the Ministry of Justice and National Integration is an institution established to ensure that the protection of the law is provided to every citizen promptly and equitably by providing the necessary infrastructure facilities for the administration of justice, protecting the independence of judges and managing the human resources of the courts by the Judicial Service Commission which supervises the administrative work and manages the human resources of the courts established throughout the island. The judicial system in Sri Lanka mainly consists of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the District Courts, the Magistrates' Courts, the Primary Courts and other adjudicating tribunals.

The Non-Judicial Officers Training Institute is an institution established under the Ministry of Justice and National Integration to enhance the efficiency and quality of judicial service, reduce delays in the mechanism of case disposal and provide better service to the people by way of training Scheduled and Non-scheduled officers other than Judges serving in the courts. This institution currently conducts training programs based on the objectives of developing the attitudes and discipline of officers and employees performing duties in the judicial sector, understanding of duties, innovation and creativity, and combating bribery and corruption.

Link to the Government Policy Statement - Making the judicial process smoother and more efficient by taking steps to introduce modern technology into the judicial process and providing proper training to Judges and staff in this regard.

4.10.1.1 Functions of the Non-Judicial Officers Training Institute

1. Training of Court Registrars, Interpreters, Court Clerks, Stenographers and Typists and other junior staff.

Expenditure Head - 110-1-8-2201

The development of knowledge, skills and attitudes of non-judicial officers and employees is carried out through the conduct of these programs.

4.10.2 Work carried out from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Training programs

SN	Date	Training programs	Number of Training programs	Number of beneficiaries
01	19.02.2025	Maintenance of personal file	01	50
02	25.02.2025	Management of personal file	01	25
03	19.03. 2025 & 20.03. 2025	Board of Survey	01	95
04	26.03.2025	General Administration and Office Management	03	30
05	27.03.2025	Disciplinary Procedure and Civil Law		
06	28.03.2025	Criminal Law		
07	02.04.2025, 03.04.2025, 04.04.2025 & 05.04.2025	General Administration, Office Management General conduct and discipline of a public official	08	30
08	28.05.2025	General Administration and Office Management	03	30
09	29.05.2025	Disciplinary Procedure and Civil Law		
10	30.05.2025	Criminal Law		
11	19.06.2025	Board of Survey	01	13
12	25.06.2025	General Administration and Office Management and Civil Law	03	30
13	26.06.2025	Civil Law and Criminal Law		
14	27.06.2025	Disciplinary Procedure and Criminal Law		
15	23.07.2025	General Administration and Office Management and Criminal Law	03	30
16	24.07.2025	Disciplinary Procedure and Civil Law		
17	25.07.2025	Criminal Law and Criminal Law		
18	27.08.2025	General Administration and Office Management and Civil Law	03	30
19	28.08.2025	Disciplinary Procedure and Criminal Law		
20	29.08.2025	Civil Law and Criminal Law		
21	24.09.2025	General Administration and Office Management and Criminal Law	03	25
22	2025.09.25	Disciplinary Procedure and Civil Law		
23	2025.09.26	Criminal Law and Criminal Law		
Total			30	692

4.10.2.2 Efficiency Bar Examinations Conducted

S N	Date of Examination	Institution	Examination	Number of Participants
01	22.02.2025	Ministry of Justice	Process Server & Writ Executor Court Crier and Usher	77
02	01.03.2025	Department of Community Corrections	Community Correction Officer Work SupervisorClerk	144
03	14.06.2025	Legal Aid Commission	Management Assistant (Non-Technical)	66
04	02.07.2025	Ministry of Justice	Assistant Secretary	03
05	04.07.2025	Ministry of Justice	Assistant Secretary (legal)	03
06	31.07.2025	Labour Tribunal Secretariat	Clerk	09
Total				<u>302</u>

4.10.3 Financial progress from 01.01.2025 – 30.09.2025

Description	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenses as of 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn.)	Financial progress as of 30.09.2025 (%)
Recurrent expenses	5.00	3.40	68.13%
Capital Expenditure	3.00	1.01	33.92%
Total	8.00	4.42	55.30%

**05. PROGRESS OF THE PUBLIC ENTERPRISES UNDER THE
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

5.1 LEGAL AID COMMISSION (LAC)

5.1.1 Introduction

The Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka is a statutory body established by the Legal Aid Act, No. 27 of 1978. Its main objective is to provide justice to marginalized communities who cannot seek justice due to poverty. The organization consists of a Head Office with nine Provincial Offices established underneath it, and these Provincial Offices oversee eighty-six (86) Regional Legal Aid Offices. These offices are located across the island, typically situated near courthouses. For general judicial matters, an income report obtained through the Grama Niladhari is taken into consideration (for eligibility). However, this income requirement is not applied for cases concerning maintenance, domestic violence, and victims of crime, children, and prison inmates.

Vision

The Sri Lanka Legal Aid Commission is a statutory body established by the Legal Aid Act No. 27 of 1978. Its main objective is to provide justice to marginalized communities who cannot seek justice due to poverty.

Mission

Providing free lawyer representation in court for the legal proceedings of persons who are unable to obtain the refuge of justice. This action providing free legal representation (attorney representation) in court for those who cannot afford it is the primary function and service offered by organizations like the Sri Lanka Legal Aid Commission (which you mentioned in your previous query) and the Assigned Counsel System in criminal matters. Providing free legal advice to anyone; Free legal advice is provided through the Commission's offices to anyone who is unable to obtain legal advice due to poverty. Making submissions to Law Reform agencies, both in Sri Lanka and abroad and to the State/ Advising the Government on Legal Reforms. Promoting legal awareness among the general public.

5.1.2.1 Details of cases handled by the Legal Aid Commission.(2025.01.01-2025.09.30)

Details of cases	Number of cases
Number of cases carried forward to 01/01/2025.	26,342
The number of new cases filed from January to September 30 th of the year 2025.	9,370
The total case count existing as of 30 th September 2025.	35,712
The number of cases concluded (or disposed of) from January to 30 th September of the year 2025.	9,320
The number of cases brought forward to the 1st day of October 2025.	26,392
The total number of consultations given from January to 30 th September of the year 2025.	96,621
The overall service provided from January to 30 th September of the year 2025.	35,712+96,621=132,333

5.1.2.1 Cases newly instituted (01.01.2025-30.09.2025)

Type of Case	The number of new cases filed from 1 st of January to 30 th September 2025.
Divorce	1911
Maintenance	5030
Land	87
Partition	9
Money Recovery	191
Cases of High courts	117
Cases of Court of Appeal	50
Vehicle Accidents Compensation	182
Bail	314
Other	400
Rights of children	118
Labour Tribunals	207
Criminal	120
Supreme Court	39
Victims of Crime	246
Special	54
Custody and Guardianship"	20
Domestic Violence	275
Total	9,370

➤ **Programs and Projects Section-Total number of programs implemented 270**

Awareness and Social Participation Programs utilizing the Legal Aid Commission's resources. -254

Media Programs-16

➤ **Prison Inmates Unit**

This unit operates with the aim of reducing congestion in Sri Lankan prisons, providing easy access to justice for all citizens, and reducing state expenditure. This unit operates in collaboration with the Department of Prisons. Through this, legal assistance will be provided to obtain bail and minimize bail conditions for persons who have been detained in Sri Lankan prisons for a long time without being able to secure the support of a lawyer. For this purpose, legal clinics are held for prison inmates to provide them with the legal knowledge necessary to sustain their daily lives, and legal awareness programs are also conducted for prison officials." Accordingly, efforts have been made to conduct Legal Aid Clinics and secure bail for prisoners across Sri Lankan prisons during the period from January to 30th September .Consequently, a number of bail-related cases have been filed as new cases during this period.

➤ **Program to create legal awareness for medical students Government Officers.**

The objective of this program is to develop the professional competency of medical practitioners in judicial procedures, providing legal awareness to Judicial Medical Officers, Medical Officers of Health, and Psychiatric Medical Officers. Twenty students studying psychiatry at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, participated in this. Furthermore, two programs were conducted for 225 officers of the Registrar General's Department, and one program for 110 officers of the National Museum, with the purpose of creating awareness for government officials on legal matters.

These programs informed them about common law, bribery and corruption, and how to reduce mental stress.

➤ **Program conducted for Samurdhi beneficiaries**

The Legal Aid Commission and the Samurdhi Department have jointly formulated a program to provide quick legal consultation services and legal knowledge to low-income people facing legal issues. This initiative prioritizes and offers free resolution of their legal problems related to court proceedings. 250 individuals have participated in 5 programs for this.

➤ **Conducting legal awareness programs and clinics under the financial assistance of Eurasian Union UNDP (UNITED Nations Development Program).01.07.2025-30.09.2025)**

	Center	Date	Expected group
1	Baticolo	17.09.2025	Prison Inmates
2	Anuradhapura	24.09.2025	Prison Inmates
3	Polonnaruwa	19.09.2025	The community of persons with disabilities
4	Monaragala	26.09.2025	Elders

5.1.3 Recruitment activities -Legal Aid Commission Sri Lanka (01.01.2025-30.09.2025)

Institute	Recruitments and obtain approval		Recruitments
	Name of the Designation	Number of the Designations	
Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka	Director General	01	The interview for the recruitment to the existing post of Director General was held on 8 th OF August 2025.
	Legal Officer	24	The interviews were also held on 30 th ,31 th of August 2025, and accordingly, 18 Legal Officers were recruited with effect from 1 st October 2025. The remaining Legal Officers will be recruited within this year.

	Management Assistant	22	More than 2500 applications have been submitted, including applications from graduates.
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➤ **Local training workshops**

Training Program	Date	Officer assigned
Certificate Course on Government Procurement Process	For 10 dates since 25.07.2025	Ms.Duleeka Senani Management Assistant Legal Aid Commission

➤ **Foreign Training Programms**

Training Programm	Date	Officer assigned
JICA Knowledge Co-creation Programme		19/10/2025-01.11.2025

5.1.4 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025-30.09.2025

Description	Allocations for the year 2025	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025	Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025
Recurring expenditure	350	268.4	76%
Capital expenditure	11	2.62	23%
Total	361	271.2	75%

5.2 SUPERIOR COURTS COMPLEX BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

5.2.1 Introduction

The Board of Management was established under the provisions of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management Act, No. 50 of 1987, with the objectives of controlling, administering, managing, and maintaining the Superior Courts Complex and the buildings thereon, which includes making such additions, alterations, and improvements as may be necessary to enhance the amenities of the complex and the buildings.

Superior Courts Board of Management is located at the Superior Courts Complex, P.O. Box 223, Hulftsdorp Street, Colombo 12.

According to section 3(1) of the Act, the Board of Management consists of the following members: -

- (i) The Hon. Chief Justice.
- (ii) A Hon.Judge of the Supreme Court appointed by the Hon Chief Justice.
- (iii) The Hon. President of the Court of Appeal.
- (iv) A Hon.Judge of the Court of Appeal appointed by the Hon.President of the Court of Appeal.
- (v) The Secretary to the Ministry of Justice.
- (vi) The Secretary to the Ministry of Housing and construction.
- (vii)The President of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.
- (viii)The Municipal Commissioner of the Colombo Municipal Council.
- (ix) A Representative of the Ministry of Finance.
- (X) Two Members appointed by H.E. the President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Vision

The vision of the Board of Management is to develop the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management in to the best managed statutory Board in the Country.

Mission

The Mission of the Superior Courts Complex Board of Management is to maintain and further develop the existing building facilities and Infrastructure so that all involved in judiciary and legal profession using these facilities may be provided a very conducive environment which will help them to perform their activities with a view to bring out efficient, fair and Just service for the litigants and thereby to achieve the above vision.

Objective

The object of the Board shall be to control, administer, manage and maintain the Superior Courts Complex, and the buildings thereon and to make such additions, alterations and improvements thereto as may be necessary to enhance the amenities of the complex and the buildings thereon.

5.2.2 Report on the work carried out by the Supreme Court Complex Management Board during the period from 2025/01/01 to 2025/09/30

Following activities and Purchasing are processes to achieved of above Vision, Mission and Object of SCCBM,

1. Provide necessary facilities and requirements for all the court rooms
2. Provide necessary facilities and requirements for Hon Judges chambers
3. Provide necessary facilities and requirements for Lawyers of Supreme Court and Court of Appeal
4. Public Liability Insurance and Accident Insurance for the Public (3rd Party)
5. Maintenance Expenditure
 - a. Plant & Machinery Equipment
 - b. Repair and Referbishment of Superior Courts Building
 - c. House Keeping Maintenance
 - d. Gardening Maintenance for Superior Courts Complex
 - e. Extra Security Service for Superior Courts Building
 - f. Accommodation for Security and Engineering Staff of SCC
 - g. Maintenance of Vehicles for Superior Courts
6. Supplies & Requisites

5.2.3 Details of the recruitments approved and made under the recruitment process of the Supreme Court Complex Management Board 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

Designation	Number of positions applied for recruitment	Action taken for recruitment (as of 30.09.2025)
Security Assistant	17	The newspaper advertisement calling for applications approved by the Appointing Authority was published in the Sinhala, English and Tamil media in the newspapers Silumina/ Sunday Observer/ Waramanjari on 31.08.2025. The last date for calling for applications was 15.09.2025. The applications received are currently being scrutinized and necessary arrangements are being made to conduct interviews. It is planned to commence interviews before the end of October.
Management Assistant	01	
Technician (Electronic/Electrical)	03	
Driver	01	
Officer Assistant	03	
Stores Assistant	01	
House Garden Attendant	06	
Maintenance Attendant	01	
Procurement Officer	01	The newspaper advertisement calling for applications approved by the Appointing Authority was published in the Daily News/Waramanjari newspapers dated 2025.10.08 and the last date for calling for applications is 2025.10.22.

5.2.4 Capacity Building Development of the Supreme Court Complex Management Board from 01.01 .2025.to.30. 09.2025.

No of Programmes	No of staff	Amount (Rs M.)
06	61	0.366

5.2.5 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	Funds Allocation for 2025 Rs Mn	Expenditure As at 30.09.2025 Rs Mn	Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025 %
Recurrent Expenditure –PE 1503	140.00	102.89	73%
Other Recurrent Expenditure – 1509	122.00	85.05	70%
Capital Expenditure -2201	33.00	7.09	21%

5.3 SRI LANKA JUDGES' INSTITUTE

5.3.1 Introduction

The Sri Lanka Judges' Institute was established under the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute Act, No. 46 of 1985. As the sole and unique judicial institution in Sri Lanka dedicated to the judicial education and training of judges and to the enhancement of their professional standards, the Institute occupies a distinctive and significant position within the country's judicial framework.

The Sri Lanka Judges' Institute is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal. The administration and management of the Institute are vested in a Board of Management. The Board of Management consists of the Honourable Chief Justice, who serves as its Chairman, and two Judges of the Supreme Court appointed by the President.

The Board of Management is responsible for appointing the Director, officers, and employees of the Institute. It also exercises disciplinary control over them, including the power of dismissal. Furthermore, the Board determines the salaries, allowances, and conditions of service applicable to the Director, officers, and employees.

5.3.1.1 Subjects and Functions of the Institute:-

- I. To provide facilities for the exchanging of views and ideas on judicial and legal matters among judicial officers.
- II. To organize and hold meetings, conferences, lectures workshops and seminars with a view to improving the professional expertise of judicial officers and advancing their knowledge and skills.
- III. To formulate and conduct training and research courses in various aspects of the administration of justice.
- IV Providing library facilities and other educational material for judicial officers.

5.3.2 Information on Approvals Obtained for Recruitment, Recruitments Made, and Promotions Granted from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

The Department of Management Services has approved the cadre of the Sri Lanka Judges' Institute under and in accordance with Financial Regulation 71. The approved cadre for the Institute is 29, while the actual staff as of 30.09.2025 is 18.

➤ Recruitments Made During the Year 2025

Designation	No. of Positions	Date of Recruitment
Librarian	01	2025.01.15
Driver	02	2025.02.05

➤ **Positions Approved for Recruitment on 21.08.2025**

Designation	Approved Cadre	Vacancies Requested for Recruitment	Approved Number for Recruitment	Action Taken (as at 30.09.2025)
Research Officer	03	01	01	Necessary arrangements are currently being made to publish newspaper advertisements and Gazette notifications.
Internal Auditor	01	01	01	
Statistician / Evaluation and Monitoring Officer	01	01	01	
Administrative Officer	01	01	01	
Management Assistant	06	03	03	
Translator	01	01	01	
Typist / Stenographer	01	01	01	Schemes of Recruitment have been submitted for approval.
Financial Officer	01	01	01	

5.3.3 Details of Local and Foreign Training Provided to Staff Members

Title of Programme	Institution	Date	No. of Participants	Cost
Procurement Process	Chartered Institute of Accountants	26.03.2025 – 27.03.2025	6	Rs.59,975.00
“Use of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Libraries”	Sri Lanka Library Association	2025.09.23	1	Rs.3000.00

5.3.3.1 Workshops, Seminars/Webinars Conducted as of 30.09.2025

	Workshop, Seminar/Webinar	Donor Agency	Participate d Judges	No of Sessi ons	No of part icip ants	Dates
01	TOT Workshop on Presentation Skills	CEELI Institute	2 Civil Appellate High Court Judges and High Court Judges	01	10	18th – 19th January 2025
02	Residential Workshop on Awareness of Judges on Alternatives to Imprisonment	UNODC	Magistrates	01	35	17th - 19th January 2025
03	Residential Workshop on Case Management Program	USAID	District Judges	01	50	25th – 26th January 2025
04	Judicial Workshop on Intellectual Property Adjudication	UNDP	High Court Judges/ Magistrates	01	40	22nd – 23rd February 2025
05	Webinar on “Confiscation and Disposal of Production by Courts”	-	Judicial Officers	01	147	08th March 2025
06	Judicial Induction Program 2025	SLJI	New Batch 2025 - Judicial Officers	85	49	02nd April 2025 - 22nd August 2025
07	Residential Workshop on sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services for vulnerable populations (Underage adolescents and key affected populations for HIV)	UNFPA	District Judges/ Magistrates	01	30	04th – 06th April 2025

08	Judicial Colloquium on Justice for Children in Sri Lanka	UNICEF	Judicial Officers	01	30	25th - 27th April 2025
09	Judicial Colloquium on Justice for Children in Sri Lanka	UNICEF	Judicial Officers	01	35	16th - 18th May 2025
10	Webinar on “Investigating and prosecuting Financial Crimes	-	Magistrates	01	38	21st, 22nd and 23rd May 2025
11	One-Day Hybrid Workshop on the Debt Recovery (Special Provisions) Act No. 02 of 1990 and Related Laws	-	District Judges/ Newly Recruited Judges	01	175	05th July 2025
12	Judicial Colloquium on Justice for Children in Sri Lanka	UNICEF	Judicial Officers	01	35	11th - 13th July 2025
13	Residential Workshop for High Court Judges on Commercial Mediation & Arbitration: Legal Framework, Best Practices & Challenges	ADB	High Court Judges	01	20	18th - 20th July 2025
14	Residential Workshop on Rights-Based Approach to Judicial Decision-Making in Times of Crisis	Max Planck Foundation	High Court Judges	01	30	22nd – 24th August 2025
15	A Public Lecture by Lady Brenda Hale, The Baroness Hale of Richmond, DBE, Former President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom	Max Planck Foundation	High Court Judges, District Judges and Magistrates	01	09	27th August 2025

16	Judicial Dialogue with the Judges of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka	Max Planck Foundation	SC/CA Judges	01	30	29 – 31 August 2025
17	Hybrid Session on Disposal of Productions in Court Houses	SLJI	High Court Judges and Magistrates	01	336	2nd September 2025
18	Intensive Orientation Programme for High Court Judges	SLJI	High Court Judges	07	18	8th – 16th September 2025
19	Judicial Colloquium on Alternative Dispute Resolution	CCC-ICLP International ADR Center together with the Commercial Law Development Program of the US Department of Commerce	High Court Judges	01	05	13th September 2025

5.3.4 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	Allocation for 2025 (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	29.50	19.90	67%
Capital Expenditure	47.20	5.00	11%
Total	76.70	24.90	32%

5.4 THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF CRIMES AND WITNESSES

5.4.1 Introduction

The National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses was established under the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015 which was passed unanimously by the Parliament to strengthen the administration of criminal justice process by introducing a proper legal framework and procedure for the protection of victims of crime and witnesses. The Act No. 10 of 2023 which prioritizes the assistance to, and protection of victims of crime and witnesses passed by the Parliament by updating this Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015 has been enforced as a fresh Act with effect from 15th September 2023. This Authority is administered by a Board of Management and the present cadre consists of 36 employees. The key objective of this Authority is to protect and assist entitlements and rights of victims of crime as well as entitlements of witnesses.

5.4.1.1 Duties & Functions of the Authority

- a. Recognition, protection and promotion of rights and entitlements of victims of crime.
- b. Recognition, protection and promotion of entitlements of witnesses.
- c. Inquire into complaints received regarding the infringement of the rights and entitlements of victims of crime or witnesses and taking necessary legal actions in that regard.
- d. Taking necessary measures to enable treatments, reparation, restitution and rehabilitation necessary for the victims of crime and witnesses.
- e. Granting awards to victims of crime and witnesses.
- f. Making public aware of the rights and entitlements of victims of crime and witnesses provided for by this Act.
- g. Making everyone aware to provide protection and redress including necessary treatments, rehabilitation and counselling.
- h. Providing recommendations to amend to policies and other procedures of other institutions related to the rehabilitation of the rights and entitlements of victims and witnesses of crime.
- i. Providing information regarding freedom and assistance to obtain evidence via the contemporaneous audio-visual linkage system upon request made by every Authority or Commission or any person.
- j. Facilitating in accordance with the recognized norms for obtaining evidence via contemporary audio-visual linkage system upon request made by any Authority or Commission or any person.

- k. Making public officials aware about possible harms that may be caused on victims of crime and witnesses due to their age, gender, disability or any other special requirement, and ways of reducing crimes and conducting investigations in that regard.
- l. As an alternative for sentencing, improving measures to restitute victims of crime to their previous status and making relevant recommendations.
- m. Improving, adopting, and implementing schemes for providing of assistance to victims of crime and witnesses.
- n. Maintaining the Victims of Crime and Witnesses Assistance and Protection Division and issuing guidelines.

5.4.2 Details pertaining to the approvals obtained for recruitments, recruitments made, and promotions effected from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Reports have been submitted to the Sub-Committee of the Prime Minister's Office seeking approval to initiate recruitment for the following posts that remain vacant in the Authority.

5.4.4 Local and foreign training programmes provided for the staff

No participation in foreign training programmes was recorded during the period under review. Details of the local training programmes are given below

Number of Programmes	Number of Officers	Cost (Rs.M)
04	06	0.038

1. Performance of the Authority from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

A Law and Law Enforcement Division

The number of complaints received by the Authority during the period from 1st January 2025 to 30th September 2025 is shown below.

Complaints/Requests	2025
I. Infringement of Rights	53
II. Investigation of Offences under Section 14-21	83
III. Requests for seeking assistance	89
Total Number of Complaints Received During the Period under Review	225

I. Infringement of Rights and Entitlements:

Number of complaints brought forward from the year 2024	177
Number of complaints received within 2025	53
Total	230
Number of complaints completed investigations (01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)	51
Number of complaints under further investigation	177

II. Investigation of Offences under Section 14-21:

Number of complaints brought forward from the year 2024	215
Number of complaints received within 2025	83
Total	298
Number of complaints completed investigations (01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)	51
Number of complaints referred to the Police Division and Police Stations for investigation	247

III. Requests for Seeking Assistance:

Number of complaints brought forward from the year 2024	172
Number of complaints received within 2025	89
Total	261
Number of complaints completed giving assistance (01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)	37
Number of complaints prepared of filing VIS	40
Number of complaints prepared for testifying via contemporaneous audio-visual linkages	111
Number of complaints pending further assistance	67

- Number of instances of appearing before courts to plead on behalf of victims from 01.01.2025 – 30.09.2025 – 61
- Number of complaints received by the Law and Law Enforcement Division for testifying via contemporaneous audio-visual linkages from 01st January, 2025 to 30th September, 2025 – 70
- As at 30th September 2025, the number of case files for which the Legal Division has issued instructions to police stations is 29.
- As at 30th September 2025, the number of case conferences held was 72.

5.4.5 Court cases filed against the Authority, with necessary action taken as at 30th September 2025

Case No.	Court
CA (Writ) 257/2022	Court of Appeal
CA (Writ) 430/2022	Court of Appeal
CA (Writ) 370/2024	Court of Appeal
SCFR/257/19	Supreme Court

SCFR/ 90/20, SCFR/ 102/20, SCFR/ 228/20	Supreme Court
SCFR /372/20	Supreme Court
SCFR/ 127/24	Supreme Court
SCFR/ 200/24	Supreme Court
SCFR/ 370/24	Supreme Court
SCFR/ 101/25	Supreme Court
8825/M/2025	District Court of Kaduwela

5.4.6 Instances in which the Legal Division has participated in awareness and training programmes as at 30th September 2025

Institution/Programme	Date of Participation
National Police Academy	25/04/2025, 27/04/2025
National Police Academy	04/07/2025
National Police Academy	06/07/2025
National Police Academy	30/07/2025
National Child Protection Authority	13/08/2025
National Police Academy	21/08/2025
National Police Academy	23/08/2025
National Police Academy	29/08/2025
National Police Academy	26/09/2025
Committee for Formulating a Procedure for Granting Pardons to Prisoners	25/09/2025
Ministry of Health	23/09/2025
National Police Academy	27/09/2025, 28/09/2025
National Child Protection Authority	23/09/2025
Justice Reform Program (JURE) – Mobile Service, Badulla	31/08/2025, 02/09/2025

➤ **Protection Division**

This Division is responsible for taking necessary actions to provide protection for victims of crime and witnesses. Upon receiving a complaint, or an order from a court or a commission, requesting protection, the Protection Division initiates action to obtain a threat assessment report from the Victims of Crime and Witnesses Assistance and Protection Division, to determine whether the victim or witness concerned is under threat. Based on the threat assessment reports received, the nature and level of threat faced by the victim or witness are evaluated, and necessary protection is provided accordingly. Until the relevant threat

assessment report is received, interim protection is arranged for the respective victim or witness as required.

From 01st January 2025 to 30th September 2025, a total of 164 complaints were received by the Protection Division. The actions taken in respect of these complaints are detailed below.

Requests for Seeking Protection

Requests brought forward from previous years	464
Number of complaints received within 2025 (01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)	164
Total	622
Number of complaints completed (01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025)	53
Requests referred for threat assessment / under which interim protection is being provided	328
Requests for which protection is being provided after receiving the threat assessment reports	283
Other (Requests where the complainants have failed to duly submit the matters to the Authority)	11

- From 01st January 2025 to 30th September 2025, protection was provided to victims and witnesses under the Authority's transport facilities on 21 occasions in connection with court proceedings.
- As at 30th September 2025, the Protection Division has facilitated three instances of providing testimony to courts through live audio-visual link.

5.4.7 Orders received from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025 are as follows

Year	Number of Court and Commission Orders	Closed Orders	Orders for which protection is being provided
Orders brought forward from previous years	89	02	87
2025 (2025.01.01 – 2025.09.30)	17	00	17
Total	106	02	104

- Number of case files for which the Protection Division has issued instructions to police stations – 42

➤ **Policy and Program Division**

According to the provisions of the Act, it is the responsibility of the National Authority for the Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses to raise public awareness regarding the rights and entitlements of victims of crime and witnesses, and to sensitize the various state institutions engaged in related activities.

Accordingly, as at 30th September 2025, the Authority has implemented a total of 12 programmes, which are outlined below.

Province	Number of Programme	Number of officers participated
Western Province	06	388
Southern province	01	61
Sabaragamuwa Province	01	49
Central Province	01	72
North Central Province	01	60
Eastern Province	01	57
North Western Province	01	495

i) The Authority's participation as a member of the National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force and its contribution to the preparation of related reports.

- a. Contributing to the report containing updated information on human trafficking (TIP) submitted by the Government to the United States Embassy. In this regard, the Authority contributed to the preparation of the TIP Report 2024 by providing details of the actions taken in relation to the prevention of human trafficking.
- b. Representing the Authority and providing resource contribution for four awareness programmes conducted for Grama Niladhari officers on combating human trafficking.
- c. Participation in District Anti-Trafficking Forums (DATF) together with key members of the National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (NAHTTF).
- d. Submission of reports to the Ministry of Justice in relation to the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Monitoring and Combating Human Trafficking for the period 2021–2025.
- e. Upon the referral by the Ministry of Defence of information relating to persons identified as victims of human trafficking, the Technical Divisions of the Authority has taken prompt action in respect of such complaints.
- f. Representing the Authority and providing resource contribution for four panel discussions conducted by the Ministry of Defence together with stakeholders of the National Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.
- g. Contributing to the International Report (TIP Report 2025) by providing information on the measures taken by the Authority in relation to the prevention of human trafficking.

ii) Representations made by the Authority and the activities connected therewith.

- a. Providing technical contribution of the Authority for the preparation of the National Strategic Action Plan for the Prevention of Transnational Organized Crime 2026–2030, under the coordination of the Attorney General’s Department and with the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- b. As per a Cabinet decision, the Authority provided representation and technical contribution at the discussion held on 7th August 2025 at the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla, under the chairpersonship of the Secretary to the Ministry, regarding the establishment of a multi-sectoral mechanism to minimize child abuse.
- c. The Authority contributed to the public awareness programme and mobile service titled ‘Know Your Neethi’ organized by the Ministry of Justice with the support of UNDP, held on 1st and 2nd August 2025 at the Badulla Cricket Ground.
- d. The Authority participated, representing the institution, in the reception hosted by Hon. Vijitha Herath, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism, in honor of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Volker Türk, held on 24th June 2025 at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo.

➤ **Administration and Management Division**

01. Procurements (In Accordance with the Procurement/Action Plan):

Number of Procurement	Amount (Rs.M)
13	3,810

• **Board of Management Meetings and Other Meetings**

Board of Management Meetings	- 10
Board of Audit and Management Meetings (Ministry)	- 02
Board of Audit and Management Meetings (Authority)	- 02
Meetings of Senior Management Officers	- 06

5.4.8 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

In compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Authority has established a Protection Fund, which had grown to Rs. 28 million as at 30th September 2025.

Description	2025 Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 01. 01. 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 30. 09. 2025 (%)
Recurrent expenditure	51.00	43.00	84%
Capital expenditure	7.00	4.50	64%
Total	58.00	47.50	81%

5.5 Office for the National Unity and Reconciliation

5.5.1. Introduction

The Office for National Unity and Reconciliation (ONUR) is an entity under the Ministry of Justice and National Integration with the primary goal of promoting harmony and unity among people in Sri Lanka while celebrating diversity.

We are committed to creating a society where every person respects the fundamental rights, freedom, and equality of all communities. This office has been established by the Gazette No. 1945/41 dated 18 December 2015 as per the Cabinet Decision dated 08 April 2015. This office was established as a statutory body by the Parliamentary Act No.01 of 2024 in the month of January 2024.

5.5.1.1 The tasks executed

Through the Act adopted in the year 2024

- (a) Presenting recommendations to the government and the respective authorities to achieve national unity, reconciliation and lasting peace in Sri Lanka;
- (b) Preparing a National Policy and a National Action Plan on Reconciliation and Coexistence;
- (c) Facilitating and implementing the programs for the promotion of national unity and reconciliation; and
- (d) Giving recommendation to the Government on the measures to be taken to resolve matters causing tensions and conflicts within and among the different communities that give adverse impact to the national unity.

In addition, the recommendation has been made by the respective Act to prepare a national action plan related to national unity and coexistence. The programs that should be incorporated in the said national action plan include;

1. Implementation of the programs and follow-up activities to ensure reconciliation and coexistence that builds up peace, unity and awareness among all communities.
2. Implementation of the programs to promote and catalyze a multi-stakeholder effort to create a society that respects rule of law, fundamental rights, non-discrimination, equity and diversity.
3. The programs to establish a mechanism from regional level to the national level to promote dialogue, build consensus towards reconciliation and provide early warning and response to emerging conflicts
4. The programs to establish policies to promote reconciliation and social cohesion in the education system including schools, both public and private universities, tertiary and vocational education institutions and to strengthen the curriculums.

5. The programs to strengthen psychosocial care, including coordination, assessment, monitoring and evaluation to foster reconciliation among the communities that faced the conflicts.
6. The programs to formulate a national action plan for preventing violent extremism, in consultation with the relevant ministries, government departments and institutions.
7. The programs to make recommendations to the Government on measures to be taken to resolve issues causing stress and conflicts existed among different communities and implementing such measures ensuring required follow-up activities.
8. Planning and implementing social cohesion, education, conflict transformation, psychosocial support projects, arts and culture, awareness raising programs, economic enhancement programs under district and regional economic development plans, and special livelihood development programs giving attention on women and the youth community.

1. Vision of the Organization

A strong, stable, progressive, inclusive and peace-loving nation where all Sri Lankans co-exist in harmony and unity, while diversity and national identity is respect and celebrated with a guarantee of equal opportunity in economic, social, cultural and political spheres for every citizen.

2. Mission of the Organization

Contribute to create a society that respects fundamental rights, freedom, and rule of law, social obligations, mutual respect, non-discrimination, equity and diversity, and build and promote a society required to live with dignity that does not discriminate on ethnicity, religion, language, caste, age, gender, birthplace and political opinions.

3. Objectives of the Organization

- I. To recommend to the Government, measures to be taken to resolve matters causing tensions and conflicts within and among the different communities.
- II To provide facilitations and make recommendations required by the government for the implementation of programs required for the reconciliation that would help build understanding, harmony and unity among all communities.

5.5.2 Recruitment procedures for the institution from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Even if the recruitment procedures for this institution have been submitted to the Department of Management Services for approval, the respective approval has not yet been granted.

Although the approval has been granted at three (03) occasions for a staff of fifty-three (53) officers, only eight (08) permanent staff are deployed in the institution at present. The remaining staff consists of the officers on acting basis (01 officer), on contract basis (05 officers) and officers attached from the Ministry of Justice and National Integration (04 officers).

5.5.3 Local and Foreign Trainings given for the Staff

Two staff officers participated in a training program held in China from 12.05.2025 to 27.05.2025 with the sponsorship from the Government of China.

5.5.4 The progress of Capital Program carried out from January to 30 September 2025

	Name of the Project	Provision allocated (Rs. Million)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. Million)	Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)	Physical Progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
1	Educational Programs on Reconciliation	15.00	13.00	80%	50%
2	Conflict Transformation Programs	18.00	1.00	5%	45%
3	Higher Education, Research and Studies for Reconciliation	15.00	2.00	13%	15%
4	Arts and Culture for Reconciliation Programs	25.50	2.50	10%	30%
5	Media, Public Relations and Communication	9.00	2.50	27%	40%
6	Formulation of National Policies and National Strategic Action Plans for Coexistence and Reconciliation	0.50	0.00	-	10%
7	Social and Economic Development Programs	13.00	8.73	67%	10%
8	Procurement	4.00	0.25	7%	40%

5.5.5 The Particulars related to Foreign Projects

Rainwater Harvesting Project

- This project is implemented on the financial aids about 420 million Sri Lankan Rupees from the Government of India for the construction of rainwater harvesting units in the Jaffna district. Under its first phase, 531 rainwater harvesting units constructed so far have been declared open for the use of the public.
- The necessary steps are being taken to extend the Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the second phase of the project.

5.5.6 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	2025 Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 30. 09. 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 30. 09. 2025 (%)
Recurrent expenditure	0.039	0.027	69.2%
Capital expenditure	0.340	0.010	2.9%
Total	0.379	0.038	10%

5.6 Office of Missing Persons

5.6.1 Introduction

The Office on Missing Persons was established under the Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration, and Discharge of Functions) Act, No. 14 of 2016. In 2018, the Office on Missing Persons was officially established as the institution responsible for addressing complaints regarding missing persons in Sri Lanka, following the recommendation and appointment of seven Board Members, including the Chairperson, by the Constitutional Council on February 28, 2018. The establishment of this office was a milestone representing the government's commitment to dealing with the complex issues concerning missing persons.

The Office on Missing Persons operates with the objectives of searching for missing persons, establishing suitable mechanisms for locating them, clarifying the fate of missing individuals, providing recommendations to relevant authorities to ensure that disappearances do not recur, and protecting the rights and interests of missing persons and their relatives.

As a permanent and independent state institution, the Office on Missing Persons is responsible for clarifying the fate of individuals who went missing as a result of conflicts, political unrest, civil disturbances, or enforced disappearances.

5.6.1.1 Functions Performed by the Institution

The Office on Missing Persons performs a significant role for missing persons and their relatives. The main function involves conducting preliminary investigations regarding complaints of missing persons, and based on the resulting recommendations, issuing reports to the relatives of the missing persons to enable the Registrar General's Department to issue Certificates of Absence and death certificates. Furthermore, a key function of the Office on Missing Persons is to provide recommendations to the relevant authorities for granting reparations to the relatives of the missing persons.

Furthermore, among the tasks performed, special prominence is given to providing and facilitating welfare services and administrative support, including psychosocial support, to the relatives of the missing persons; implementing a system for the protection of victims and witnesses; and creating, managing, and maintaining a database containing all details regarding missing persons.

Moreover, further investigative work, carried out with the cooperation of other state institutions, has made it possible to ascertain the fate of the missing persons. Furthermore, key tasks performed include raising awareness among state officials and civil organizations regarding the harm and painful situation faced by the families of the missing persons, and facilitating public support to ensure they can meet their needs and access economic, psychosocial, legal, and administrative assistance

5.6.2 Information regarding approvals for recruitment, recruitments, and promotions from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30.

Sixty-nine essential employees for the duties of the Office on Missing Persons have been identified and, with Ministry approval, the matter has been referred to the Committee of Officials appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers to review the public service recruitment process, in order to obtain approval for recruitment. The Department of Management Services, the Ministry of Justice and National Integration, and the Office on Missing Persons have reviewed, updated, and submitted recommendations regarding the official staff cadre. During this period, an officer was recruited on a contract basis for a period of 6 months for the position of Director of Finance and Procurement. No promotions have taken place.

5.6.3 Details of foreign training provided to staff - No foreign training was provided.

5.6.3.1 Details of local training provided to staff

#	Subject areas related to training	Number of days the training was held	Number of officers participated
01	Preparation of search guidelines	1	55
02	Forensic Medicine	1	50
03	Advanced Forensic Medicine - Residential	3	49
			45
			47
04	Forensic Archaeology	1	41
05	Advanced Forensic Archaeology - Residential	3	61
			61
			49

06	Tamil Language Course	6 months	4
07	File Management	1	25
08	Office Disciplinary Procedure	6	36
09	Stress Management	2	42

5.6.4 Performance within the period from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

There are 5 highest priority areas for the performance of the Office on Missing Persons.

Num be r	Indicator	Unit	Target as at 31.12.2025	30.09.2025 Accumulated Progress
1	Conducting investigations related to the second phase.	1500 files	1125	-
2	Implementation of recommendations provided by the Board of Directors.	1500 files	1125	835*
3	Upgrading the main data system.	Step 06	6	3
4	Awareness programs for Civil Society Organizations/ Conducting awareness programs for stakeholders.	15 Meetings	15	08
5	Developing 4 Modules and conducting training programs for staff and investigation panels.	4 modules and 14 Training Programmes	18	05

*Overall progress in the implementation of recommendations provided by the Board of Directors through investigations conducted in the years 2024 and 2025.

5.6.5 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	Year 2025 Provisions (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.Mn.)	%
Recurrent Expenditure	116	64	55
Capital Expenditure	10	0.31	3
Total	126	64	51

5.7 Office for Reparations

5.7.1 Introduction

The Office for Reparations (OR) was established in 2018 under the Parliamentary Act No. 34 of 2018, replacing the Rehabilitation of Persons, Properties and Industries Authority (REPPIA) created by Act No. 29 of 1987. Unlike REPPIA, which primarily provided monetary compensation, the mandate of the OR is broader, aimed at delivering sustainable and meaningful reparations to victims of conflict in line with both the provisions of its founding Act and internationally recognized principles. The main objectives of the Office for Reparations as per the Act is as follows,

- 1 To formulate and recommend to the Cabinet of Ministers, Policies on reparations to grant individual and collective reparations to aggrieved persons;
- 2 To facilitate and implement such Policies on reparations as approved by the Cabinet of Ministers, by the Office for Reparations, including specialized policies on public education, memorialization and on children, youth, women and victims of sexual violence and persons with disabilities;
- 3 To establish link to ensure the compatibility of the Office for Reparations with other mechanisms aimed at reconciliation; and
- 4 To monitor and evaluate the progress of delivery of reparations to eligible aggrieved persons.

Reparations are provided both individually and collectively, guided by policies and frameworks developed under the OR Act. The National Policy on Reparations identifies eight thematic areas of intervention,

- 1 Livelihood Support
- 2 Compensation and Financial Support
- 3 Restitution of Land rights
- 4 Provision of Housing
- 5 Development of Community Infrastructure
- 6 Administrative Relief
- 7 Psychosocial Support
- 8 Measures to advance unity, reconciliation and non-recurrence of violence

Among the above policy areas, OR currently prioritizes three: (i) Compensation and Financial Support, (ii) Livelihood Support, and (iii) Psychosocial Support.

The Office for Reparations follows ten (10) guidelines, as mentioned in its policies and guidelines, when providing relief and reparations to affected persons.

The Office for Reparations consists of four members, including a Chairperson, who is appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Constitutional Council for a period of three years. The head of the Office for Reparations Secretariat is the Director General/Chief Executive Officer. Although the approved cadre for the staff is 77 positions, only 55 people are currently on duty. Twenty-five (25) positions are currently vacant.

5.7.1.1 Functions carried out by the Institution

1. Granting Financial Reparations.

- Providing reparations based on the recommendations received from the Office on Missing Persons (OMP).
 - Providing reparations to parties affected by the North-East conflict.
 - Providing reparations to parties affected by conflicts such as civil unrest and political disturbances.
 - Making payments through the Victim Fund for the 2019 Easter Sunday Attacks.
2. Collective Reparations under the Livelihood Support Program.
 3. Implementation of the Psychosocial Support Program.
 4. Reporting to International Human Rights Mechanisms.

5.7.2 Details of Local and Foreign Training Provided to Staff

Local

Training Programme	Date	No. participated
1.File Management	30.05.2025	20
2. Microsoft Office Word Training	25.09.2025	03
3. Microsoft Excel Training	26.09.2025	19
4. Introduction to the New Government Procurement Guidelines	01.10.2025	15

5.7.3 Performance from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

1. Granting Financial Reparations.

1.1. Granting Financial Assistance to Families/Dependents of Missing Persons.

Financial assistance of Rs. 200,000 each has been provided to 570 families/dependents (including 132 recommendations received in 2024) since January 2025, based on the recommendations received from the Office on Missing Persons (OMP). The Office for Reparations received 493 recommendations from the Office on Missing Persons during the year 2025. Accordingly, financial assistance has been granted to 4,344 families of missing persons from the year 2022 up to 2025.09.30.

1.2. Granting Financial Assistance to Persons Affected by the North-East Conflict.

Financial assistance has been provided to 2,017 victims who suffered death, injury, and property damage due to the North-East conflict. The Office for Reparations was able to complete all compensation payments for the North-East victims by July 2025.

Providing financial relief from January - September 2025.

Scheme	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs.Mn)	Paid
Families of the Disappeared	570		140
North - East Conflicts	2,017		208

1.3 Making payments through the 2019 Easter Sunday Attack Victim Fund.

The Office for Reparations established the 2019 Easter Attack – Victim Fund, as per the Supreme Court order dated January 12, 2023. By 2025, Rs. 311 million had been received for this fund from the respondents. Accordingly, by June 2025, all payments made to the beneficiaries from the Victim Fund were successfully completed and concluded.

Total amount received to the Victim Fund = Rs. 311 million

Total relief provided to beneficiaries from the Victim Fund (Grand Total) = Rs. 310 million

Total number of beneficiaries = 663

2. Livelihood Support Program

2.1. Stitching Dreams, Mannar

A program is planned to be implemented in November 2025 for 40 young women in the Mannar Town and Nanattan divisions of the Mannar District. The program includes 20 days of training in ornamental embroidery, knowledge on financial management, and the provision of necessary training equipment. The approximate project cost is Rs. 0.5 million.

2.2. Green Algae Cultivation

Preliminary steps have been taken to launch a livelihood development program for the cultivation of green algae in November 2025, in collaboration with the National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA), to empower 8 families affected by the conflict in the Nanattan division of Mannar. The approximate cost is about Rs. 1 million.

3. Psychosocial Support Program

Under the Psychosocial Support Program, the needs of 5 families in the Ampara District were identified, and they were successfully provided with the necessary services by referring them to the relevant governmental and non-governmental institutions. This included assisting 3 individuals in obtaining "Aswesuma" aid, and assisting one person with market facilities and obtaining disability allowances.

In the Mannar District, 3 families were referred to the relevant non-governmental organizations to obtain their needs, which were then fulfilled. This included providing educational facilities, housing facilities, and assistance to enhance their income sources.

4. Submission of Reports to International Human Rights Mechanisms

4.1. Reports were provided in response to the issues/inquiries presented in 2025 by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for the 60th Session of the Human Rights Council.

4.2. Reports related to the issues/inquiries presented by the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (CED) were submitted and participated in that Committee's session, which was held in Geneva, Switzerland, on September 26, 2025

05. Progress of Project Implementation

1. Livelihood Support Program

Monitoring and follow-up activities were conducted for 17 livelihood support programs implemented during the year 2024. Income generation activities had commenced in the launched projects during the period from January 2025 to June 2025, and the progress was as follows:

1.1 Stitching Dreams - Jaffna

Practical training in ornamental embroidery and training equipment were provided to 40 young women in the Sandilipay division of Jaffna, along with six (06) sewing machines for the training center. The project cost was Rs. 1.36 million.

This program provided training, training materials, and 5 sewing machines to 20 young women in Kayts, Jaffna District, for their economic empowerment. The project cost was Rs. 0.61 million.

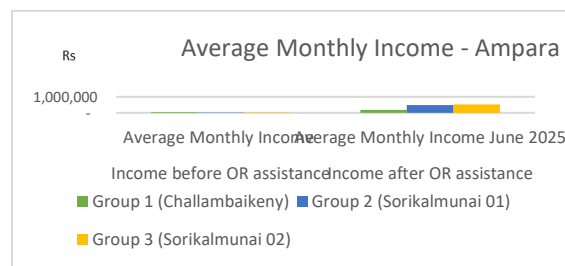
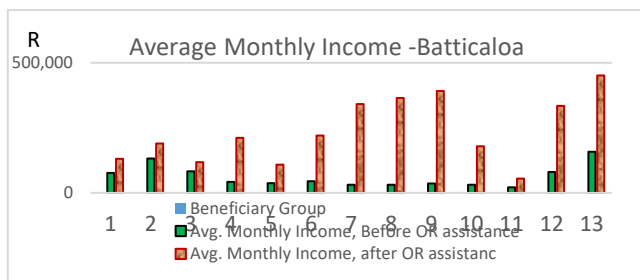
Currently, the beneficiaries have succeeded in earning an average monthly income of approximately Rs. 15,000.

1.2 Threads for Hope - Batticaloa and Ampara

- Thirteen (13) groups comprising 89 individuals affected by the war and engaged in the traditional handloom textile industry in the Manmunai Pattu, Manmunai South, and Eravur Pattu divisions were supported by providing material, training and awareness, market opportunities, and two 'Waproll' machines to, enabling them to broadly re-start their small scale handloom textile industry. The project cost was Rs. 2.42 million.

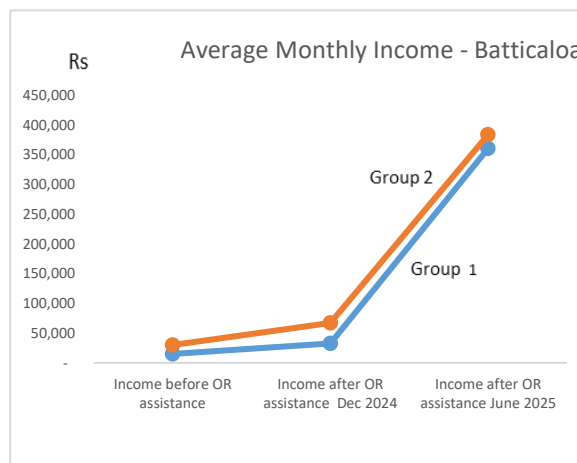
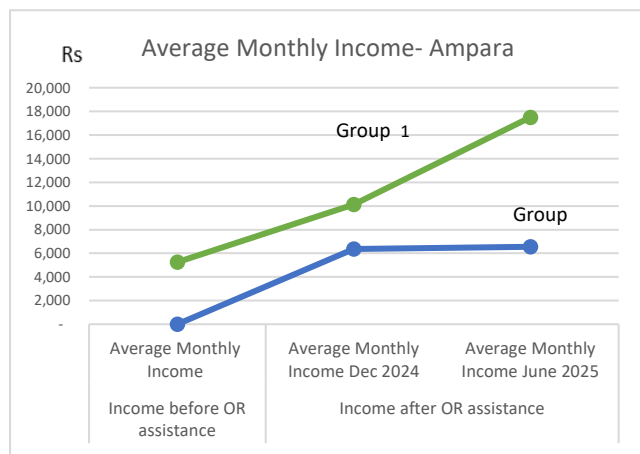
- Three groups consisting of 38 individuals affected by the conflict in the Navithanveli division of the Ampara District were assisted to empower and uplift their handloom textile industry by providing necessary support. The project cost for this was Rs. 0.66 million.

The beneficiaries in the Batticaloa District are very successfully engaged in income-generating activities. They have significantly increased their monthly income.



1.3 Light for Life - Batticaloa and Ampara

Two groups, consisting of 8 individuals affected by the war in the Manmunai North division of Batticaloa, were assisted by providing the necessary support to sustainably carry out value-added candle production as a livelihood. The project cost was Rs. 0.85 million. The same livelihood development program, as above, was also carried out for 3 groups, consisting of 15 beneficiaries, in the Navithanveli division of the Ampara District. The project cost was Rs. 0.32 million.



1.4 Traditional Food Processing Center, Velanai - Jaffna

Established a traditional food processing center in the Velanai area, Kurikadduwan, Jaffna, targeting pilgrims visiting Nagadeepa and tourists, and creating new livelihoods for 5 families affected by the war through this initiative. The project cost was Rs. 2.4 million, and financial assistance was provided by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

1.5 Coloring Hands - Jaffna

37 women affected by the war in the Thenmarachchi division of Jaffna were assisted by providing further training, materials, and equipment required for the Palmyra leaf handicraft industry to establish sustainable livelihoods. The project cost was Rs. 0.46 million.

Following the support provided by the Office for Reparations, their gross monthly income has increased by approximately 30%.^{1.6}

1.6 Stitching Dreams - Batticaloa

40 young women in the two divisions of Kiran and Valaichchenai, Batticaloa has been provided with 20 days of training in ornamental embroidery along with training materials and 3 sewing machines each to the two training centers. The project cost was Rs. 1.74 million. After receiving the assistance, the women in Kiran have succeeded in opening a shop and generating income. The beneficiaries in Valaichchenai have also managed to achieve a gross monthly income between Rs. 15,000 and 20,000.

1.7 Skills Development Training Program on Solar Panel Installation and Maintenance

Youth groups who were affected by the war in the districts of Mannar, Vavuniya, Batticaloa, and Trincomalee with basic knowledge of electricity, assisted by providing two days practical and theoretical training on solar panel installation and maintenance. Also facilitated part-time or full-time employment opportunities with companies providing renewable energy services. The cost of the 4 programmes was Rs. 1.52 million.

Progress

District	No. of Participants	Number Who Succeeded in Gaining Benefits After OR assistance	Percentage of Successful Participants
Mannar	16	11	69%
Vavuniya	21	15	60%
Batticaloa	21	15	71%
Trincomalee	52	28	54%

5.7.4 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	2025 Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 30. 09. 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 30. 09. 2025 (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	2,348	387	16
Capital Expenditure	5	1.86	37
Total	2,353	388.86	17

5.8 BUREAU OF REHABILITATION

5.8.1 Introduction

Under the rehabilitation process initiated by the Bureau of Rehabilitation, a proper rehabilitation procedure was established alongside Humanitarian Operations to rehabilitate and reintegrate wayward LTTE cadres. Many LTTE cadres were surrendered to the security forces and they were directed for rehabilitation by the government of Sri Lanka. Further some were directed for rehabilitation consequent to judicial proceedings. The Bureau of Rehabilitation has successfully rehabilitated 12196 misguided LTTE carders. The objective of the Bureau is to rehabilitate drug dependent persons or any other persons as applicable in terms of the Rehabilitation Act. The drug addicts are being rehabilitated

- Navodawa Treatment center- Kandakadu,
- Navodawa Tertiary and Vocational Literacy Training Centre,
- Senapura. and Saranga Center at Vauniya.

This duration of the Rehabilitation Programme has been six months and the rehabilitees are required to take part in various sessions during the period as per the schedule .mental health, spiritual programmes, various methods of therapies, educational and information technology, leadership and personality development training, aesthetic, sports, livelihood improvement, self- employment, vocational training and various medical clinics as well as enhancing knowledge.

A variety of special activities have been implemented under the theme 'Beyond Rehabilitation,' with the aim to transform the rehabilitees to be useful members in the society.

Further, at the completion of the programming order to ensure effective reintegration and reconciliation, through developing socio - economic standards post monitoring mechanism has been placed by establishing thirteen Socio Economic Welfare Coordinating Offices covering the entire country.

Also, those who voluntarily seek rehabilitation will be provided with rehabilitation centers in the future.

5.8.1.1 Functions

- To provide treatment and rehabilitation for drug-dependent persons who request such services or for whom it is mandated by the Drug Dependant Persons (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act No. 54 of 2007.
- To provide rehabilitation for any person who requests it under a relevant law or for any person for whom rehabilitation is prescribed by such law.
- To improve the employability of persons receiving treatment and rehabilitation, thereby minimizing the risk of socio-economic marginalization.

- To systematically utilize the skills of persons receiving treatment and rehabilitation to enhance their economic productivity.
- To establish and maintain rehabilitation centers.
- To conduct training programs related to rehabilitation.

5.8.2 Information regarding obtaining approval for recruitments and promotions from 01.01.2025 To 30.09.2025

The staff for the Bureau of Rehabilitation on permanent basis has been approved by the Department of Management Services as per the Department of Management Services letter DMS / 1869 dated 2023.06.27. The Scheme of recruitment (SOR) for the approved staff was approved by the Department of Management Services letter DMS / 1869/ SOR dated 2024.01.31.

Accordingly, approval was requested from the “Committee for Reviewing Public Service Recruitment process and Staff Management to recruit” 102 essential vacant positions out of the 267 positions approved by the Department of Management Services for this Bureau.

During this, the Committee agreed to recruit 18 Counselors (Rehabilitation) Positions, 38 Assistant Counselors (Rehabilitation) Positions, 10 Physical Training Instructor Positions and 6 Health Assistant Positions (total 72 positions) on a Contract basis. It was also notified via Prime Minister’s Office Letter PMO/RRPCM/2025/decision dated 2025.08.21, to carry out the recruitment in accordance with the Cabinet decision No. 403/25/1421/802/004-VIII dated 2025.08.11. and to obtain services externally for 03 Electricians, 3 Plumbers, 5 Cooks and 1 barber.

The essential staff of 102 personnel, which includes the staff approved to be attached on contract basis and through external service provisions as mentioned above, re-requested for permanent recruitment via the Ministry of Justice and National integration letter MOJ/E08 (II)/REC/PROCESS (BOR) dated 29.09.2025.

5.8.3 Local Training Programs Provided to the Staff

Programs	No. of Programs	quantity
Counseling Program - National Dangerous Drugs Control Board (07 days)	1	63
Diploma Course on Criminal Psychology and Offender Counseling	1	2
Introduction to Mindfulness Programs	2	60
Postgraduate Course on Professional Accounting	1	1
Monthly Training Programs	7	60
Current Office Procedures and Office Management	1	10
Conducting a Training Program on Drug Counseling	1	60
Course on Website Design	1	1

5.8.4 Performance Details from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

5.8.4.1 Rehabilitees as at 30.09.2025

Rehabilitation Centers	No of Rehabilitees (Drug Addicts)
Navodawa Treatment Centre -Kandakadu	324
Navodawa Tertiary & Vocational Literacy Training Centres, Senapura	199
Saranga Centre, Vavuniya	101
Total	624

5.8.4.2 Number of Admissions and Reintegrated Rehabilitees from 01.01.2025-30.09.2025

Month	Admissions	Reintegrated Rehabilitees
January	33	35
February	99	26
March	165	22
April	52	50
May	96	69
June	139	48
July	128	46
August	105	108
September	143	152
Total	960	556

5.8.4.3 Activities carried out from 01.01.2025- 30.09.2025

S/N	Programmes	Number of Sessions Conducted
01	Mental & Physical Development	70
	(Individual Counseling, Group Counseling Various Therapeutic Programs, Motivational Programme)	
	Yoga Training Programme	
	Spiritual Programme	
02	Educational Programme	5
	Trilingual Training Programme	44
	Celebrations of Special days and Beyond Rehabilitation (Lectures Conducted to Improve their General Knowledge, Attitude,)	68
03	Educational Trip	1
04	National Events and Religious Programme	47
05	Sports Programmes	3
06	Aesthetic Programmes(Drama, Art, Theater)	12
07	Leadership & Personality Programmes	7

5.8.4.4 Vocational training conducted for rehabilitees from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

S/N	Courses	Number of Courses	Number of Participant
1	Gem Cutting and Polishing Training	2	25
2	Computer Course	4	53
3	Computer (Hardware)	1	06
4	Hair Dressing & cutting	4	68
5	Plumbing	3	45
6	Steward	4	56
7	Masonry	4	43
8	Carpentry (Buildings)	4	19
9	Bakery Products	4	49
10	Aluminum Fabrication	4	57
11	Forklift Operator Training Course	3	72
12	Backhoe Loader Operator Training	1	20
Total		38	513

5.8.4.5 Post Rehabilitation of Reintegrated Rehabilitees from 01.01.2025 to 09.30.2025.

S/N	Coordinating Offices	Number of Reintegrated Rehabilitees from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025	Number of Follow up Completed from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025
1	Colombo I	26	181
2	Colombo II	08	206
3	Gampaha	53	47
4	Kalutara	39	25
5	Puttalam	46	53
6	Kurunegala	17	78
7	Galle	120	136
8	Hambanthota	07	97
9	Kandy	138	110
10	Anuradhapura	17	28
11	Polonnaruwa	08	33
12	Batticaloa	04	23
13	Jaffna	73	83
	Total	556	1100

*The reason for increase the second, third follows ups compared to the reintegrated rehabilitees.

5.8.4.6 Programmes Conducted by the Post Rehabilitation offices from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

No	Programmes	Conducted Programmes	Number of Participants
1	Awareness programmes for the students	401	73197
2	Awareness programmes for the government officers	120	9599
3	Public Awareness programmes	330	43985
4	Awareness programmes for the drug addicts	30	250
Total		881	127,031

5.8.5 Project Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

No.	Name of Expenditure (Project)	Approved Budget for 2025 (Rs.)	Actual Expenditure up to 30.09.2025 (Rs.)	Remarks
1	Internal & External Fence – Kandakadu Nadun Construction Delay payment bill	858,761.96	858,761.96	Payment made on 11.03.2025
2	Construction of water distribution System & Waste water and sewerage system - Senapura	33,053,127.62	10,713,372.90	100% physical progress has been achieved, and notification has been given to submit the final bills.
3	Construction of a Saloon for Inmates (10' x 12') - Senapura	3,796,348.98	772,450.70	Raw material requirements can be purchased and the remaining funds can be released. It has been informed that the project's construction work can be carried out with the labour contribution of the center.
4	Construction of Vehicle Park (80' x 25') - Senapura	9,611,994.99	-	The approval of the Ministry of Justice has been received to implement these projects, and steps are being taken to execute the projects. Since the timeframe for completion is

				insufficient, 50% of the project funds can be released
5	Construction of Accommodation for Staff (80' x 25') - Senapura	29,500,000.00	-	The approval of the National Planning Department has been received for these projects, and steps are being taken to implement the projects. Since the timeframe for completion is insufficient, 50% of the project funds can be released
6	Construction of Visiting Room for Inmates Relations (50' x 20') - Senapura	15,800,000.00	-	
7	Construction of Guardroom - Zone 01 (23'x20')	8,514,880.00	-	Since the project period is only about 02 months, it is assumed that the project can be completed.
8	Construction of Check Point (20' x 10')	4,955,764.00	-	
Total	106,090,877.55	12,344,585.62		

5.8.6 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	Allocations for the year 2025 (Rs.)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.)	%
Recurrent Expenditure	660.00	269.11	40.7
Capital Expenditure	200.00	32.32	16.16
Total	860.00	301.44	35.05

5.9 Official language Commission

5.9.1 Introduction

The Official Languages Commission is a statutory board established by the Official Languages Commission Act No. 18 of 1991. The Commission consists of six members appointed by the President. One member out of the members aforesaid is nominated as the Executive Chairman of the Commission. The Commissioner of Official Languages is the Ex-officio Secretary of the Commission.

Regulation and monitoring of the provisions contained in Chapter IV in the Constitution is the key role of the Commission. Commission has an approved cadre to carry on its functions efficiently.

Vision

To be the organization empowered to ensure the implementation of the Official Languages Policy by all organizations providing services to the public.

Mission

To provide for the bilingual needs of the public through reviewing, monitoring, educating and advising on the implementation of the Official Languages Policy.

Objectives

The general objectives of the Commission are as follows

- (a) Recommend principles of policy relating to the use of the Official Languages, and to monitor and supervise compliance with the provisions contained in Chapter IV of the Constitution ;
- (b) Take all such actions and measures as are necessary to ensure the use of the languages referred to in Article 18 of the Constitution in accordance with the spirit and intent of Chapter IV of the Constitution.
- (c) Promote the appreciation of the Official Languages and the acceptance, maintenance, and continuance of their status, equality and right of use.
- (d) Conduct investigations, both on its own initiative, and in response to any complaints received, and to take remedial action as provided for, by the provisions of the Act.

5.9.1.1 Tasks

The Commission conducts four key tasks to achieve the objectives aforesaid as stated below.

1. **Monitoring** - Whether provisions contained in the constitution with regard to use of the Official Languages are properly followed up by the state mechanism
2. **Investigation** - Complaints with regard to violation of the language rights contained in the Constitution
3. **Education** - Awareness creation with regard to status or use of the relevant languages

4. **Consultation** - Compilation of principals of policies

Commission organizes programmes according to the key tasks aforesaid. Accordingly, the programmes implemented annually by the Commission are language audits, investigating public complaints, awareness creation among officers in government and semi-government institutions, awareness creation among public to make them aware of the Official Languages Policy and its importance and, conducting programmes for school children to create a future generation with good attitudes through developing their bilingual usage.

5.9.2 **Recruitments**

The entire staff of the Official Languages Commission is 42. Sixteen positions out of that were in vacant as at 01.01.2025. Cabinet approval to recruit 03 Language Officers and 07 Language Promotion and Investigating Officers has been granted. Newspaper advertisement prepared in all three languages was published on 14.07.2025 to recruit for these posts. As a large number of applications have been received, the Commission decided to conduct an examination for the applicants and next conduct an interview. The examination aforesaid has been scheduled for 18th and 19th October 2025.

Approval to recruit for the posts of Director, Assistant Director, Translator (03 positions), Management Assistant (03 positions), Driver (02 positions) and Office Aids (02 positions) which are still in vacant has been granted by the Secretary to the Prime Minister. Recruitments for these positions will be carried out in future.

Performance from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025.09.30

Activity	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Financial Target (Rs.)	Financial Progress (Rs.)
1.Language audits	60	38	800,000	275,129
2.Investigating complaints	No. of complaints received 80	No. of complaints solved 36	200,000	21,450
3.Awareness creating programmes	6	2	300,000	253470
4. Conducting a competition to create mottos for the Official Languages Commission	1	1	1,700,000	1,650,000
5. Producing a street drama on the Official Languages Policy	1	-	450,000	-
6. Conducting a school language promotion circle programme	1	-	500,000	-
7. Awareness via mass media	8	7	1,700,000	1,026,039
8 Producing and advertising a short video on the Official Languages Policy.	2 Videos	-	900,000	-
9. Recommendation of principles of policies	Submission of Recommendations 2025 to the government	Has already been referred to the Hon. Subject Minister.	300,000	-

10. <u>Special Activities</u>				
i. Introducing technology/studying resources of translations for the citizens who obtain services from government institutions as and when required.	3	-	150,000	-
ii Preparing criterias for trilingual railway announcements		-		
iii. Supervision to ascertain whether all documents in banks and financial institutions are in all three languages and, implementation of necessary steps to prepare them trilingually.		The Department of Legal Draftsman has been informed to provide officers for document translation		

5.9.3 Financial progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	Allocation for year 2025 (Rs.m.)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs.m.)	Financial progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	46	29.55	64.23
Capital Expenditure	3.5	1.074	30.68
Total	49.5	30.624	61.86

5.10 National Institute of Language Education and Training

5.10.1 Introduction

The National Institute of Language Education and Training was established by the Act No. 26 of 2007 to promote inter-ethnic harmony, and implementing Official languages Policy in a systematic manner. The head office of the Institute is located at No: 321/1, High Level Road, Makubura, Pannipitiya, and the training center is located at Galewatta, Agalawatta.

Objectives of the Institute

1. Competent teachers to teach Sinhala, Tamil, and English to those who are desirous of acquiring such knowledge;
2. Competent translators and interpreters in the Sinhala, Tamil, and English languages who shall constitute the National Translators Service and National Interpreters Service to be established by a written law;
3. Qualified trainers to train language teachers, translators, and interpreters in the Sinhala, Tamil, and English Languages;
4. Trained persons with trilingual capabilities for the efficient provision of services to the public.

5.10.1.1 Works carried out by the Institute

- Courses implemented for officers of Government and Semi-government institutions.
 1. 200 hours residential/online (Tamil/Sinhala) second language training courses for officers of the Public Administration Service, Accounts Service officers, Government Medical Officers, Surveyors and Engineers.
 2. 200 hours residential / Physical / online (Tamil/Sinhala) second language training courses for other staff grade government officers.
 3. 150 hours Physical / online (Tamil/Sinhala) second language training courses for government officers.
 4. 100 hours Physical / online (Tamil/Sinhala) second language training courses for government officers.

➤ Other Training Courses

Teacher Training Courses

1. 50-Hour Basic teacher training course (Residential/Online)

Certificate Courses

1. Sinhala Language Certificate Course
2. Tamil Language Certificate Course
3. Sign Language Certificate Course
4. English Language Certificate Course
5. Hindi Language Certificate Course
6. Korean Language Certificate Course
7. Japanese Language Certificate Course

Diploma Courses

1. Diploma Course in Language Translation and Interpretation
2. Sign Language Diploma Course
3. Second Language (Sinhala) Diploma Course
4. Second Language (Tamil) Diploma Course

Specialized language training courses identified according to current needs

1. 50-Hour language skills course to produce professional Three-wheeler drivers

Other Programs

1. Resource contributors Follow-up and regulatory programs.
2. Language camps for the youth community.

5.10.2 Approval has been given to recruit for the following posts from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30.

1. Director post
2. Assistant Director post
3. Internal Audit Officer post

Of these posts

1. The recruitment procedure has been revised as per the decision of the Board of Management to recruit for the post of Director and has been forwarded to the Department of Management Services for approval.
2. Assistant Director post - The vacancy has been filled as per the decisions of the Court of Appeal
3. Internal Audit Officer post - The Board of Management has decided to extend the service period of the currently acting officer in that post.

5.10.3 Performance from 2025.01.01 to 2025.09.30

5.10.3.1 Second Language Sinhala/Tamil Training Courses Conducted in Accordance with Public Administration Circular 18/2020 and Management Services Circular 01/2023

Ability to provide second language proficiency through the implementation of 606 Sinhala/Tamil language training courses for 26,467 public servants.

S/N	Programme	Annual Target			Progress		
		No of Programmes	No of Course Beneficiaries	Income(Rs. M)	No. of Programmes	No.of Course Beneficiaries	Income (Rs. M.)
01	100 Hours Sinhala/Tamil Language Training Courses	50		11.25	80	3,274	16.37
02	150 Hours Sinhala/Tamil Language Training Courses	300	13,500	135.00	451	19,286	192.92
03	150 Hours Sinhala/Tamil Language Training Courses (For Police Officers)	20	1,300	-	03	150 Hours Sinhala/Tamil Language Training Courses (For Police Officers)	20
04	200 Hours Sinhala/Tamil Language Training Courses	30	1,350	20.25	16	610	9.15
05	200 Hours Sinhala/Tamil Language Training Courses (For Medical Officers)	36	1,440	21.60	44	1,907	28.61
06	200 Hours Sinhala/Tamil Language Training Courses For (Administrative /Planning/ Accountant Services officers)	02	104	4.78	02	104	4.78
	Total	438	19,944	192.88	606	26,467	251.83

5.10.3.2 Other Training Courses

S.N	Course	Target			Progress (Completed and Ongoing)		
		Number of Programs	Number of Course Beneficiaries	Income (Rs. Million)	Number of Programs	Number of Course Beneficiaries	Income (Rs. Million)
01	50 hours basic teacher training courses	02	80	1.60	01	52	1.04
02	120 hours practical Sinhala language certificate course	03	150	0.75	01	21	0.11
03	25 hours english language training Course (for Bank of Ceylon officers)	01	30	0.07	01	19	0.07
04	Korean Language certificate course	01	27	0.39	01	27	0.9
05	Skill development training program for resource persons	02	120	-	02	120	
	Total	09	407	2.81	06	239	1.61

5.10.3.3 Programs started in the year 2024 and Implemented in the year 2025

S N.	Course	Number of Programs	Number of Course Recipients
01	Second Language Tamil Diploma Course	01	31
02	Second Language Sinhala Diploma Course	01	48
03	Japanese Language Certificate Course	01	15
04	Korean Language Certificate Course	01	12
05	Language and Interpretation Diploma Course	01	52
06	Sign Language Diploma Course	01	20
	Total	06	178

5.10.4 Financial progress from 2005.01.01 to 2025.09.30

Details	Annual targets (Rs. Million)	2025.09.30 Progress (Rs. Million)
Income from training programs	214.00	267.00
Other income	17.80	13.00
Total income	231.80	280.00
Total expenditure	183.74	136.00
Surplus (Before allocations)	48.06	144.00

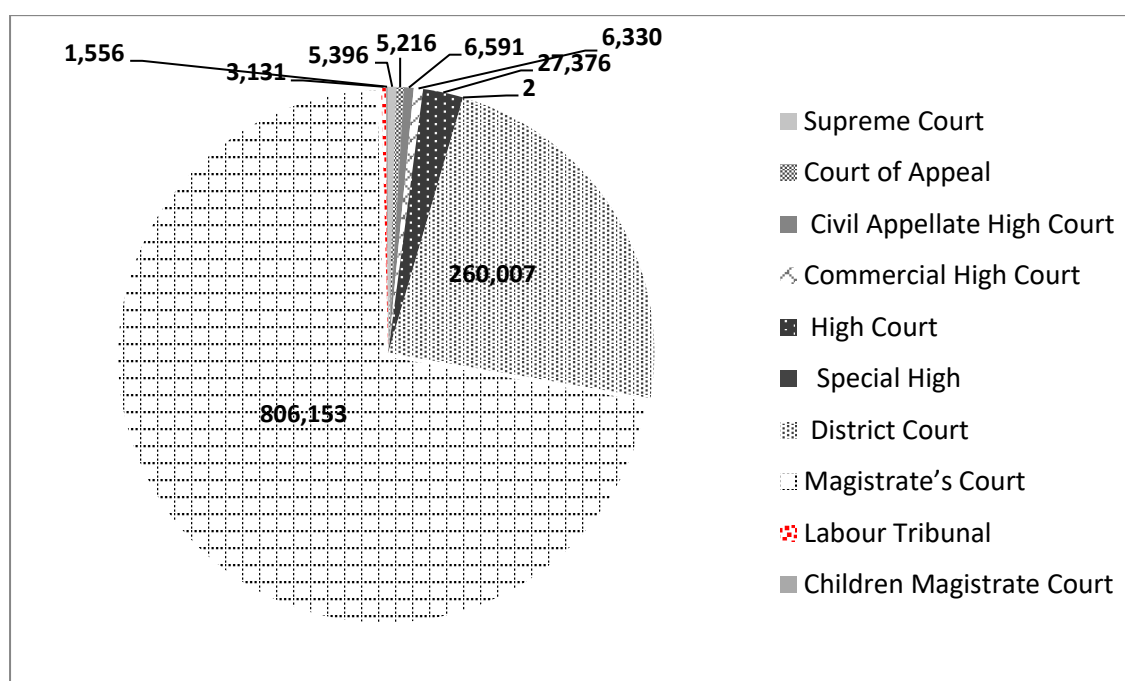
06. Courts, Tribunals and Quazi Courts

6.1 Statistical information is relevant to the hierarchy of Courts

6.1.1 The summary regarding the pending cases in courts as at 30.06.2025 is as follows.

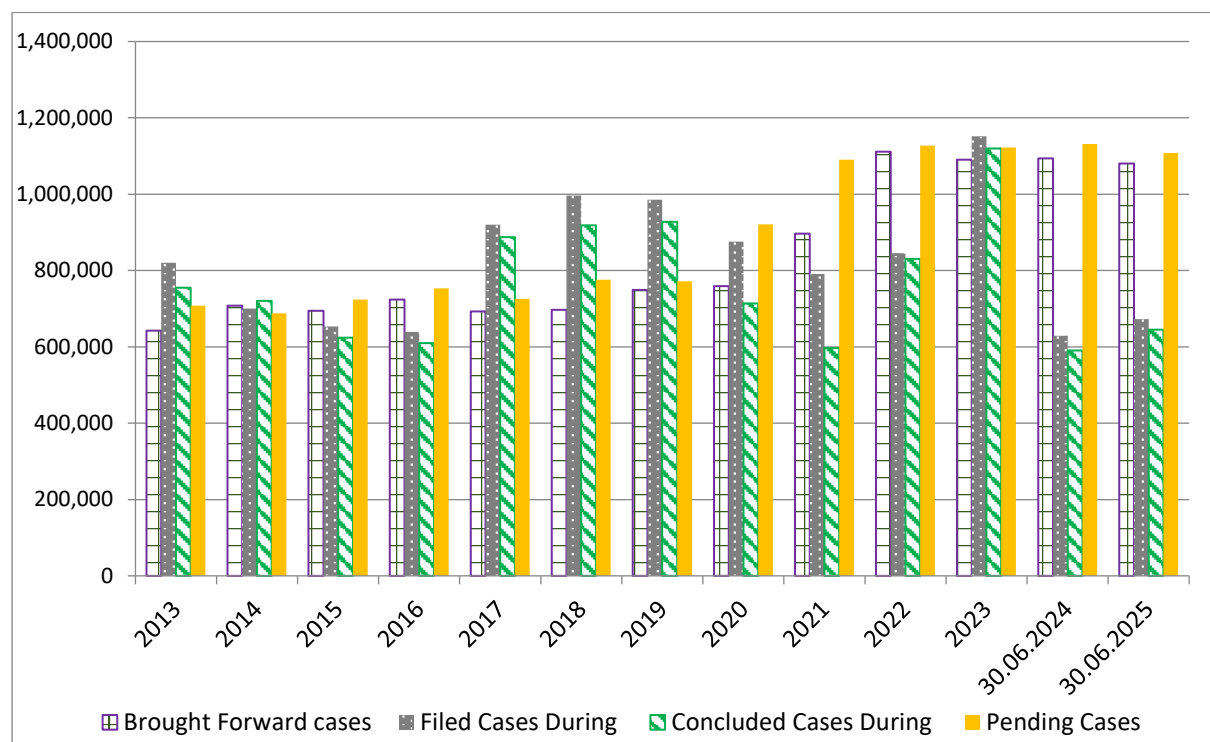
Court	No of Courts	No.of court halls	Pending cases at 30.06.2025
Supreme Court	01	05	5,396
Court of Appeal	01	10	5,216
High Courts of civil appeals	22	23	6,591
Commercial High Courts	01	04	6,330
Special High Courts	01	02	02
High Courts (Criminal)	34	46	27,376
District Courts	67	99	260,007
District/Magistrate's ' Courts	18	18	-
Magistrate's Courts	90	118	806,153
Circuit Magistrate's Courts	16	16	-
Juvenile Magistrate's courts	3	3	1,556
Labour Trbunals	39	39	3,131
Total	293	383	1,121,758

6.1.2 The summary regarding the pending cases in court_wise as at 30.06.2025 is as follows.



The trend of the cases referred to the courts, the concluding of those cases and the number of cases to be resolved is as follows.

6.1.3 Filed, Concluded and Pending Cases in Courts



*Status of the year 2025 as of 2025.06.30

6.2 THE REGISTRY OF THE SUPREME COURT

6.2.1 Introduction

The Supreme Court is the highest and final court in the judicial system of Sri Lanka. It comprises the Hon. Chief Justice and 16 other Supreme Court Justices, all of whom are appointed by His Excellency the President. The Supreme Court holds appellate jurisdiction over all other courts and exercises its powers in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

With a Vision of “Securing public trust through an efficient system of justice administration by exercising the powers vested by the Constitution, while being dedicated to the betterment of the general public,” the Institution carries out its Mission of “Administering justice efficiently and within a short period of time by exercising its statutory powers.” The jurisdictions mentioned below are vested in the Supreme Court by the Constitution.

- Jurisdiction in respect of Fundamental Rights
- Final Appellate Jurisdiction
- Consultative Jurisdiction
- Jurisdiction in respect of the Presidential Elections
- Jurisdiction in respect of any breach of Privileges of the Parliament
- Jurisdiction in respect of such other matters which Parliament may by Law vest or ordain.

The Registry of the Supreme Court assists the Supreme Court to carry out its functions for which the Ministry of Justice by the Head 234 grants provisions.

6.2.1.1 Main Functions of the Supreme Court

- Exercise of powers in respect of Jurisdiction of Constitutional matters
- Exercise of powers in respect of Jurisdiction of Fundamental Rights,
- Exercise of powers in respect of Final Appellate Jurisdiction
- Exercise of powers in respect of Consultative Jurisdiction
- Exercise of powers in respect of Jurisdiction in Elections Petitions (Presidential election) and Jurisdiction in respect of any breach of Privileges of the Parliament,
- Exercise of powers Jurisdiction in respect of such other matters which Parliament may by Law vest or ordain.
- Enrollment, recruitment, suspension and dis-enrollment of attorneys-at-law.

6.2.2. Information on recruitment approvals, recruitments, and promotions from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

A Court Clerk Grade I and a Court Typist Grade I have been promoted to the supra grade.

Number of Programme	Number of Officers	Amount (Rs)
17	48	377,000.00

6.2.3 Details of Local and Foreign Training Provided to Staff

6.2.4 Performance from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Type	No: of Cases Pending as at 01.01.2025	No: of Cases Registered During the Period	No: of Cases Concluded During the Period	No: of Cases Pending as at 30.09.2025
Fundamental Rights Application	1,125	227	418	934
Special Leave to Appeal	922	282	263	941
Orders of the SC in respect of Parliamentary Bills	26	29	29	26
Appeal	1,114	181	247	1,048
SC CHC Matters	512	95	63	544
Leave to Appeal cases of the HC	288	98	108	278
Writ Applications	14	66	73	7
Leave to Appeal Applications for CAHC	1,396	275	406	1,265
Revision Cases	5	3	1	7
Reference Cases	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	8	1	2	7
SC TAB Appeal	3	3	1	5
SC Special	2	-	-	2
SC Contempt	6	4	6	4
Rule	23	3	10	16
Expulsion	3	-	-	3
Acceleration	1	-	-	1
Total	5,448	1,267	1,627	5,088

6.2.5 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	2025 Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure as at 30. 09. 2025 (Rs.Mn)	Progress as at 30. 09. 2025 (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	246.850	184.414	75%
Capital Expenditure	11.500	5.452	47%
Total	258.350	189.866	73%

6.3 THE REGISTRY OF COURT OF APPEAL

6.3.1 Introduction

The Court of Appeal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, established by Article 137 of the Constitution, is the court that exercises judicial power and is the second highest Court in the Sri Lankan judicial hierarchy.

The Court of Appeal is composed of 19 Honourable Justices, and the President of the Court of Appeal acts as the head of the bench.

The Court exercises appellate jurisdiction to correct all errors of fact or law made by any court of first instance, judicial authority, or any other institution. It also exercises the powers to issue Writs, Injunctions, to hear Parliamentary election petitions, examine and call for records of original courts, and the power to produce and remove prisoners, all such powers are exercised according to the provisions of the Constitution.

The Court of Appeal generally exercises its jurisdiction in Colombo. When a judgment of the Court of Appeal is not a unanimous decision of the bench, the decision is determined by the majority.

The Court of Appeal Registrar's Office is under the charge of an officer designated as the Registrar of the Court of Appeal. The Registrar is subject to the supervision, directions, and control of the President of the Court of Appeal

6.3.1.1 **Functions performed by the Court of Appeal.**

- Hearing appeals and revision applications filed against the judgments of courts of first instance, including the High Court.
- Hearing appeals against the decisions of other statutory boards.
- Hearing applications for the transfer of pending cases from courts of first instance to another court with similar jurisdiction.
- Exercising jurisdiction regarding Contempt of Court.
- Hearing Election Petitions.

6.3.2 **Recruitments to the Court of Appeal.**

The officers of the Senior Staff of this Court are appointed by the Judicial Service Commission Secretariat. The Minor Staff appointments are made by the Director of the Combined Services of the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs.

The Court of Appeal does not perform any recruitment functions by itself. However, requests have been submitted to create new positions based on current vacancies and service requirements.

6.3.3 Progress of Project Implementation

Under the guidance of the Hon. Chief Justice, measures have been taken to introduce a website and a case management system to the Court of Appeal, there by digitalizing its system. This initiative is presumed to be over by the end of this year.

6.3.4 Performance of disposal cases from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Type of Case	Number of cases pending as at 01.01.2025	Number of cases registered from 01.01.2025-30.09.2025	Total number of cases to be concluded as at 30.09.2025	Number of cases disposed from 01.01.2025 - 30.09.2025	Remaining number of cases pending as at 30.09.2025
Writ Applications (WRT)	1891	968	2859	808	2051
High Court Criminal Appeals(HCC)	621	182	803	191	612
Admiralty Matters (REM)	03	-	03	02	01
Extradition (EXT)	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial High Court Revision Appeals (PHC)	882	190	1072	144	928
Civil Appels (DCF)	03	-	03	01	02
High Court Revision Applications (CPA)	167	92	259	96	163
Revision Applications (REV)	13	06	19	08	11
Leave to Appeal (LTA)	45	11	56	23	33
Tax Appeals (TAX)	559	181	740	15	725
High Court Bail Application Appeals (BAA)	-	-	-	-	-
Bail Applications (BAL)	424	382	806	411	395
Appeal from Wakf Board (WKF)	02	03	05	01	04
Appeals from Board of Review (BOR)	05	02	07	-	07
Restitutio in Intergrum (RII)	151	59	210	89	121
Contempt of Court (COC)	68	25	93	28	65

Transfer (TRF)	19	19	38	28	10
Habeas Corpus Application (HCA)	04	01	05	04	01
Right to Information (RTI)	27	03	30	05	25
Injunction (INJ)	06	01	07	06	01
Magistrate Court Revision(MCR)	05	05	10	07	03
Miscellaneous Applications (MIS)	06	06	12	03	09
Expulsion Cases (EXP)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4901	2136	7037	1870	5167

6.3.5 Financial Progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs .Mn)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs .Mn)	Financial Progress as at 30.09.2025 (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	136.80	98.86	72%
Capital Expenditure	4.50	0.30	7%
Total	141.30	99.169	70%

6.4. Other Courts- Head No.228

Allocations are provided for Courts located in 34 judicial high court zones under head number.228.Courts administration is subjected to perview of judicial service commission.

6.4.1 Courts are located in high courts zones.

Court	No of Courts	No.of Court Halls
High Courts of civil appealate	22	23
Commercial High Courts	01	04
Special High Courts	01	02
High Courts (Criminal)	34	46
District Courts	67	99
District/Magistrate's ' Courts	18	18
Magistrate's Courts	90	118
CircuitMagistrate's Courts	16	16
juvenile Magistrate's courts	3	3
Total	252	329

6.4.2 Distribution of Courts in islandwide

Province	CAHC	HC©	DC	DCMC	MC
Western	Colombo-2 Mt Lavinia	Colombo -8	Colombo - 9 Mt.Lavinia -2 Nugegoda -2		Colombo-9
					Fort
					Maligakanda-2
					Mt.Lavinia -2
	Awissawella Homagama	Awissawella Homagama	Awissawella-2 Homagama Kaduwela		Nugegoda -2
					Awissawella
					Homagama
	Gampaha	Gampaha -2	Gampaha-3 Mahara Attanagalla	Pugoda-1	Kaduwela
					Gampaha-2
					Attanagalla
					Mahara-2
	Negambo	Negambo	Negambo-2 Minuwangoda Welisara		Negambo-2
					Minuwangoda
					Welisara
					Kalutara-2
	Kalutara	Kalutara	Kalutara-2 Mathugama-2 Panadura Moratuwa Horana Kesbewa		Mathugama-2
					Panadura
					Moratuwa
					Horana
		Panadura			Kesbewa

North western Province	Kurunegala	Kurunegala	Kurunegala-2	Wariyapola	Kurunegala2	
			Nikaweratiya		Maho	
			Maho		Pilassa	
					Galgamuwa	
					Nikaweratiya	
					Rambadagalla	
					Polgahawela	
		Kuliyapitiya	Kuliyapitiya-2		Kuliyapitiya	
			Narammala			
			Hettipola			
		Chillaw	Chillaw Marawila		Chillaw	
		Puttalam	Puttalam		Marawila	
Kalpitiya ©						
Puttalam-2						
Anamaduwa						
Sabaragamuwa Province	Kegalle	Kegalle	Kegalle- 3	Mawanella	Kegalle	
					Aranayake ©	
	Ratnapura	Ratnapura -2		Warakapola		
					Ratnapura-2	
					Ratnapura-3	Kalawana
					Balangoda	Balangoda
					Ruwanwella	Rakwana ©
				Pelmadulla	Ruwanwella	
			Embilipitiya	Embilipitiya		Embilipitiya
	Central Province	Kandy	Kandy -2	Kandy-6		Kandy 3
Teldeniya				Teldeniya		
Gampola				Gampola		
Nawalapitiya				Nawalapitiya		
				Galagedara		
				Panvila ©		
				Helboda ©		
Matale				Matale		
			Dambulla	Dambulla		
			Naula			
			Laggala©			
			Paldeniya©			
	Nuwaraeliya	Nuwaraeliya	Walapana	Nuwaraeliya		
Hatton			Hatton			
North Central Province	Anuradhapu ra	Anuradhapura -3	Anuradhapura		Anuradhapura 3	
			Kekirawa		Kekirawa	
				Kebithigollewa	Kahatagasdigiliya	
					Medawachchiya	
					Thamubuttegama	
					Nochchiyagama	
		Padaviya©				
		Polonnaruwa -1	Polonnaruwa Higurakgoda		Polonnaruwa-2	
					Higurakgoda	
					Manampitiya©	
Bakamoona©						

Uva Province	Badulla	Badulla	Badulla		Badulla
			Bandarawella		Passara
					Bandarawella
					Mahiyanganaya
			Welimada		Welimada
			Mahiyanganaya		
Eastern Province	Ampara	Ampara	Ampara		Siyabalanduwa
					Bibile
	Kalmunai	Kalmunai	Akkaraipattu	Wellawaya	Monaragala
					Ampara
	Batticaloa	Batticaloa	Akkaraipattu		Akkaraipattu
					Kalmunai
				Pothuvil	Samanthurai
					Batticaloa
					Valachchenai
					Eravur ©
	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	Trincomalee		Kalawanchikudy
					vaharai ©
				Mutur	Trincomalee-2
				Kantale	Kuchchaveli©
Northern Province	Jaffna	Jaffna	Jaffna		Kinniya©
			Mallakam		Morawewa©
			Point pedro	Kayts	Jaffna-2
		Mannar	Mannar		Mallakam
			Chavakachcheri		Point pedro
	Vavuniya	Vavuniya	Mannar		Mannar
					Chavakachcheri
					Vavuniya
					Killinochchi
					Mullaitivu
Southern Province	Galle	Galle	Galle -3	Udugama	Mankulam©
				Baddegama	
	Matara	Matara	Matara – 4	Kotapola	Galle -2
					Matara-2
	Tangalle	Tangalle	Tangalle		Deyyandara
					Agunakolapelessa
					Tangalle
		Hambantota	Walasmulla		Walasmulla-2
		Balapitiya	Balapitiya	Hambantota	
				Tissamaharama	
			Elpitiya	ya	Balapitiya
					Elpitiya

CAHC – Civil Appealate High Courts

HC © - High Courts

DC – District Courts

DCMC – District/Magistrate Courts

MC – Magistrate Courts

6.4.3 Case Statics as at 30.06.2025

Type of Court	Brought Forward as at 01.01.2025	Filed Cases as at 30.06.2025	Concluded Cases as at 30.06.2025	Pending cases as at 30.06.2025
Civil Appellate High Court	6,274	1,628	1,311	6,591
Commercial High Court	6,138	1,224	1,032	6,330
High Court	27,054	13,947	13,625	27,376
Special High	2	0	0	2
District Court	257,416	38,178	35,587	260,007
Magistrate's Court	782,017	617,595	580,743	818,869
Children Magistrate's Court	1,403	397	244	1,566
Grand Total	1,080,304	672,969	632,542	1,120,731

6.5. TRIBUNAL

6.5.1 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY LABOUR TRIBUNAL

6.5.1.1 Introduction

The Labour Tribunals take the charge of ensuring the job security of employees in the semi-government and non-government sectors through an efficient process of speedy and fair administration of justice through a strong and trained staff. Accordingly, 39 Labour Tribunals are functioning island-wide to hear and determine applications in respect of applications received in terms of Section 31(a) of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 43 of 1950.

The human resource management activities of these Labour Tribunals operating island-wide are carried out by the Labour Tribunal Secretariat.

6.5.1.1.1 Role of the Labour Tribunal Secretariat

- The approved staff for each Labor Tribunal and the functions performed by the Secretariat in relation to those positions are as follows.

Serial No.	approved staff	Functions performed
02	Development Officer	Establishment affairs of the officers and coordination with the and Appointing Authority.
03	Management Service Officer	
04	Driver	
05	Clerical Service	
06	Labour Tribunal - Assistant Secretary	Matters pertaining to appointments
07	- Stenographer	- Appointments - Transfer - Efficiency Bar Examination - Promotions - Release - Retirements
08	- Interpreter	
09	- Clerk	
10	- Typist	
11	Court Security	Establishment affairs of the officers and coordination with the and Appointing Authority.
12	Watcher	

- In addition, the Secretariat carries out administrative and establishment functions relating to the operation of the Labor Tribunals.

6.5.1.2 Information on obtaining approval for recruitment, recruitment, and promotions for the period from 01.01.2025 until 30.09.2025

➤ The relevant information are as follows.

Function	Designation	Physical Progress
Recruitment (Departmental)	• Stenographer - 15	13 stenographers have accepted appointments.
Obtaining approvals (Departmental)	• Stenographer- 22 • Interpreter - 09	* Receipt of approval of the Review Committee by 30.09.2025. * Forwarding recruitment notification to the Secretary to the Ministry for approval.
	• Assistant Secretary - 11	*Forwarding recruitment notification to the Secretary to the Ministry for approval.
Promotions (Departmental)	• Stenographer	18 officers are to be promoted.
	• Interpreter	10 officers are to be promoted.
	• Clerk	No promotions for this period.
	• Typist	No promotions for this period.

6.5.1.3 Details of local and foreign training provided to staff

➤ The relevant information are as follows.

Number of Programme	Number of trainers	Total Amount (Rs)
08	169	1,016,922.93

6.5.1.4 Performance from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Function	Number	Performance
Appointments - Stenographer - 37 - Interpreter - 09	46	* 13 stenographers have been recruited. * Arrangements are in progress to recruit the remaining number of stenographers. (Announcements have been submitted for approval.)
Promotions - Stenographer - 18 - Interpreter - 10	28	*Arrangements are in progress to promote of 15 officers .
Appointments - Assistant Secretaries of the Labour Tribunal	11	Further arrangements are underway. (Submitted for approval by the Secretary to the Ministry)
Annual transfer - Stenographer - Interpreter - Clerk		Arrangements are in progress for annual transfers. (Annual transfer applications have been called for and finalized.)
Efficiency Bar Examination - Stenographer - Interpreter - Clerk		* Measures are underway to conduct examinations for the post of Stenographer and interpreter. *The Efficiency Bar Examination for 09 Clerks has been conducted.
Retirement - Interpreter		One officer has retired.

6.5.1.5 Financial progress from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Description	Provisions for the year 2025 (Rs. million)	Expenditure as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. million)	Financial progress as at 30.09.2025 (Rs. million)
Recurring Expenditure	532.55	356.12	66.87%
Capital Expenditure	76.20	11.09	14.55%
Total	608.75	367.21	60.32%

6.6 Quazi Court

6.6.1 Introduction

The Board of Quazis, constituted under the provisions of the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act, No. 13 of 1951, and its subsequent amendments, serves as the appellate and supervisory authority for all Quazi Courts in Sri Lanka.

It ensures that all matters pertaining to Muslim marriage, divorce, and maintenance are administered strictly in accordance with the tenets of Islamic jurisprudence (Shari'ah) and the laws of Sri Lanka.

Vision

To ensure justice and integrity in Muslim marriage law administration through adherence to Shari'ah and by maintaining public trust in the Quazi judicial system.

Mission

To ensure fair and efficient administration of Muslim marriage law by guiding and supervising Quazi courts in line with Shari'ah and national law, while promoting transparency and accountability.

6.6.1.1 Core Duty

The Board of Quazis hears and decides appeals, supervises Quazis, issues necessary directives, and maintains records of the Board and all Quazi Courts.

6.6.2 Progress Report (2025.01.01 – 2025.09.30)

Description	Number of Cases
Completed Cases	72
Registered New Cases	94
Ongoing Cases	142

Conclusion

The Board of Quazis continues to uphold justice, efficiency, and accountability in the administration of Muslim matrimonial law, ensuring that the rights of all parties are protected and that the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act is applied consistently and fairly.

7 RELATED INSTITUTIONS

7.1 SRI LANKA LAW COLLEGE

7.1.1 Introduction

The Sri Lanka Law College is the sole institution which offers a complete course of study leading to examinations for those desiring to qualify for admission to the profession, and boasts a proud heritage spanning 150 years.

In accordance with the Incorporated Council of Legal Education Ordinance No. 02 of 1900, the Sri Lanka Law College operates under the Incorporated Council of Legal Education. The Council is chaired by the Honourable Chief Justice. Its ex officio members include the Hon. Attorney General, the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice, and the Solicitor General. Additionally, two Judges of the Supreme Court appointed by the Hon. Chief Justice, the President and Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, and six members appointed by the Minister of Justice also serve on the Council. These individuals are distinguished professionals with extensive experience and expertise in the field of law.

The Sri Lanka Law College conducts 3 1/2 years academic program for law students. Attorney-at-Law examinations are held at the end of each academic year and in the month of April, corresponding to the first, intermediate, and final years of study. Upon successfully passing these examinations, students are required to complete a six-month apprenticeship under a senior Attorney-at-Law who possesses a minimum of eight years of professional experience, prior to taking oaths. Lectures are delivered by experienced President's Counsel and distinguished guest lecturers with expertise in various areas of law.

The Sri Lanka Law College is committed to upholding the quality and professional integrity of legal education. Through a rigorous examination system, skilled lecturers, and institutional collaborations, it provides students with a comprehensive academic environment that fosters not only intellectual capabilities but also legal ethics, professional attitudes, and leadership development

7.1.2 Performance from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

Current Student Population	Over 9,000 students are currently enrolled.		
Student Enrollment and Registration	2024/2025	General Entrance Examination	- 196
	2025 – First Intake	Foreign LL.B. holders	- 164
		State LL.B. holders	- 588
		Barrister (Foreign LL.B.)	- 1
		Internal Transfers	- 2
	2025 – Second Intake	Foreign LL.B. holders	- 161
		State LL.B. holders	- 18
		Internal Transfers	- 2
Examination Schedule for 2025	Attorneys-at-Law Examination - April 2025 (From 24/04/2025 to 05/06/2025)		
	Attorneys-at-Law Examination - October 2025 (From 01/10/2025 to 06/11/2025)		

Apprenticeship Training 2025	General Entrance Examination - 17/05/2025
	General Entrance Examination - 20/07/2025
	Students who completed training - 535
	Students currently undergoing training - 734

The year 2025 marked a significant milestone of institutional and academic advancement for the Sri Lanka Law College. Student volunteer participation in the Supreme Court Data Verification Project, the organization of special lectures with the collaboration of newly appointed lecturers, and notable victories in university level competitions such as the Abraham Lincoln wrestling tournament, the Nadaraja Muthunayagam Trophy, the Lakshman Kadirgamar Shield, and the Kotelawala Defense University Sports Festival were among the key highlights. Active engagement in Moot Court activities, literature, debates, social service initiatives, Open Mic events, and international competitions also stood out as commendable achievements. Furthermore, the Tamil Mantrum Student Association marked a historic occasion by celebrating its 75th anniversary during the year.

Sri Lanka Law College has made a significant contribution to the well-being and professional development of the staff. Employees have actively participated in various training programs and workshops. These staff development initiatives have covered key areas such as labor law, records management, property management, and cybersecurity. Additionally, workshops were conducted both internally and externally across diverse fields. Many of these programs were organized under the guidance and collaboration of the Ministry of Justice and National Integration, ensuring their relevance and effectiveness.

Sri Lanka Law College, in collaboration with UNDP, modernized the lecture halls through the Smart Classroom Project, installing Smart TVs, projectors, sound systems, all-in-one computers, and cameras thereby enhancing the digital learning environment. A new curriculum framework is currently under development, and to streamline academic and administrative processes, the Learning Management System (LMS) and Student Management System (SMS) are currently being implemented. Additionally, the student hostel has undergone a major renovation for the first time in 40 years, with a focus on improving residential facilities and student welfare.

Sri Lanka Law College functions as a self-financed institution, without receiving financial assistance or allocations from the government or government-affiliated entities.

